



Parks & Recreation Office
901 Montana Avenue
November 11, 2025
6:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Cathy Sjoquist called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Wendy Taavola called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Gary Stevenson
Bob Bosk
Cathy Sjoquist
Roger Aho
Cathy Sjoquist
John DeFiore
Jay Bostwick

ABSENT

Anne Pfothenauer

STAFF PRESENT

Wendy Taavola, Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes of August 5, 2025, meeting by Bosk seconded by Bostwick.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the Sports Park Pickleball Courts Use Agreement final draft. A motion was made to approve the Sports Park Pickleball Courts Use Agreement by DeFiore seconded by Stevenson.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Elrod of the DCN Trails presented the Gladstone Sports Park Bike Park Proposal to the board. A motion to support the DCN Trails Proposal for the Gladstone Community Bike Park to further develop this project was made by Bostwick seconded by Aho.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Taavola updated the board on the exterior and interior painting completed at the ski chalet, the successful year at the campground, the closing of the harbor and department's plans to move on to the winter season.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Gary Stephenson: Mr. Stephenson inquired about the DDA tree project on Delta Avenue and if the department would be compensated for the extra work, including equipment costs.

Bob Bosk: Mr. Bosk inquired about the status of the Harbor Project. Director Taavola informed the group that we are still on track for the Spring of 2026. A conversation was held regarding the status of the Yacht Club lease. Mr. Bosk also questioned whether the department had started to prepare the ski chalet for opening, if there had been any movement on the Jones Property lease, and if the bike path fountain was repaired. Director Taavola stated that the department will be setting up the chalet in the coming week, there were no updates on the Jones Property lease, and the bike bath fountain was repaired. Mr. Bosk also asked to invite Public Safety to a future meeting to talk about E-bikes.

Cathy Sjoquist: Ms. Sjoquist inquired about a possible partnership with Norway Mountain for the ski season. Director Taavola stated that she reached out to Norway Mountain staff but have not heard back. Ms. Sjoquist also initiated a discussion with the board regarding a letter received by the City from David Fairbanks.

Roger Aho: Mr. Aho inquired about the barrier wall at the beach and whether the department was planning to extend the wall further. Director Taavola informed the board that the department plans to continue the wall project next summer with another section.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Stevenson motioned; Bosk seconded to adjourned meeting at 7:32 pm.