



GLADSTONE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

City Hall Chambers - 1100 Delta Avenue

October 06, 2026

6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting of 10/06/2026 was called to order by Cathy Sjoquist at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Bob Bosk
Cathy Sjoquist
John DeFiore
Kristyn Madalinski
Roger Aho

ABSENT

Anne Pfotenhauer
Gary Stevenson

STAFF PRESENT

Wendy Taavola
Rob Spreitzer
Robert Brown

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from 9.8.26 Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board
Motion made to accept the minutes from the 9.8.26 meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board with the following changes:

Under New Business:

Item 3, add, " The board recommends that a letter be sent by the administration to the campground residents who attended the August 4th, 2026, meeting."

Item 4, add, "The board recommends a first draft be available on December 1, 2026, for the board to review." Also add Kristyn Madalinski to the subcommittee.

Motion made by Madalinski, Seconded by Aho. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Gladstone Area Pickleball Use Agreement Annual Review

The board discussed the agreement and gave a recommendation that the department look into the need for the city to have a copy of the Gladstone Area Pickleball liability insurance. Robert Brown inquired about the city's responsibility in keeping the bathrooms open and what is an acceptable date of closure. The board recommended adding September 30th for a closure date under the city's responsibilities section of the agreement during the annual review. It was agreed upon that the annual review should take place at the April meeting with representation from Gladstone Area Pickleball.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Bill Bullen Pier - Carol Bullen Borden

The board welcomed Carol Bullen Borden who presented a history of the Bill Bullen Fishing Pier and her concerns for future maintenance of the pier. Mrs. Bullen Borden also expressed the need for signage that directs fishermen where to park when using the pier.

4. Parks & Rec Volunteer Program - Volunteer opportunities, safety/waiver requirements, and draft volunteer form.

Kristyn Madalinski initiated the discussion with an explanation of her research into the topic of volunteering in the Parks and Recreation Department. She spoke of the added administrative work that would be involved with a volunteer program under the department that led her to the idea of a community led volunteer program.

5. Community Volunteer & Beautification Initiative - Explore connecting volunteers with local beautification and service projects throughout the community, beyond the Parks and Rec Department.

Mrs. Madalinski presented a concept proposal to explore a community-based approach to increasing resident engagement, service, connection, and ownership in Gladstone. The board agreed to review the information and add the topic for discussion to the November 10th, 2026, meeting agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6. Update on the Five-Year Recreation Plan

Taavola updated the board on the status of the recreation plan update.

Wendy Taavola also gave an update on the harbor and campground closures.

BOARD COMMENTS

Bob Bosk commented on the need to update the harbor bathrooms.

John DeFiore inquired about the schedule to remove the boat launch piers.

Roger Aho recommended that the meeting location be fixed at city hall.

Kristyn Madalinski commented on the new information signs in Van Cleve Park.

Cathy Sjoquist commended the hard work of the campground host, Kathy Pepin. She also suggested that a note be added to the harbor seasonal dockage paperwork regarding fishing tournaments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:49 PM

Motion made by DeFiore, Seconded by Aho. MOTION CARRIED