



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2026 at 2:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

The Sandpoint Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 2:30pm on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, in the City Hall Council Chambers by Chair Taylor Long.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Gwen Victorson
Vice Chair Jessica Janssen
Chair Taylor Long
Commissioner Tyler Wagner
Commissioner Heidi Bohall
Commissioner Dan Tadic
Commissioner Josh Delucchi joined by zoom at 2:45pm

ABSENT

Commissioner Lori Siemers

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. The minutes from the August 12th, 2026, meeting were approved unanimously by the commissioners present.

Motion made by Commissioner Wagner, Seconded by Commissioner Tadic.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bohall, Commissioner Tadic

Elections

2. Commission Elections for Chair - **Action Item**

Taylor Long was reappointed Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Wagner, Seconded by Commissioner Tadic.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bohall, Commissioner Tadic

3. Commission Elections for Vice-Chair - **Action Item**

Jessica was appointed Vice-Chair through May 2027, subject to availability.

Motion made by Commissioner Wagner, Seconded by Commissioner Victorson.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bohall, Commissioner Tadic

JER Update

Recreation Facility and Programming Supervisor Ryan Wells reported continued growth and activity at the James E. Russell Sports Center. Court Reserve September check-ins increased from 431 in 2025 to 1,300 in 2026. Sandpoint Middle School Tennis reported its largest tennis team to date. Staff will soon be exploring earlier operating hours, increased open play, beginner tennis/pickleball sessions, and new programming to spread demand throughout the day. A new Recreation Coordinator has been hired and is scheduled to start October 19th.

Old/Unfinished Business

4. RV Park - Update

Staff presented the approximately 35% design and reviewed the three concepts previously considered. City Council authorized an additional \$270,000 from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund to proceed with the approximately \$1.1 million "Essential" RV Park plan.

The initial phase includes replacement of aging water, sewer, and electrical infrastructure; improved subbase and a paved central drive aisle; basic landscaping and irrigation; stormwater improvements; and revised parking circulation. Site paving, a restroom building, security gates, fire-pit area, and other amenities were deferred for potential future phases. Director Welker reviewed the project timeline and will pursue additional grant funding for a future phase and communicate the phased approach to the public.

City Beach Parking Lot – Update

Mr. Welker also presented the updated conceptual parking layout, which incorporates flexible spaces for vehicles and boat trailers and improved pull-through circulation.

New Business

5. Park Grants - Update

Director Welker will attend upcoming state and regional grant meetings and is exploring approximately six grant opportunities for submission between December and January.

6. Euclid Waterfront Access Presentation

The Euclid Waterfront Access Presentation was held during the following Euclid Waterfront Access Community Workshop following the meeting.

General Announcements/Comments

The next regularly scheduled commission meeting falls on Veterans Day, November 11, 2026, and City Hall will be closed. Commission asked staff to reschedule the November meeting. Commissioner Delucchi shared he will no longer be able to meet on Wednesdays and asked staff and fellow commissioners to explore an alternate meeting day.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

I presided over the meeting and can confirm that minutes prepared by the Board Clerk were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission during the regular meeting held on

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Taylor Long, Chair

Kami Omodt, Board Clerk