



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2026 at 2:30 PM

White Pine Conference Room at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

The meeting of the Sandpoint Parks and Rec Commission was called to order at 2:35pm on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, by Chairman Long in the White Pine Conference Room at City Hall.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Eric Donenfeld - joined at 2:58pm
Commissioner Gwen Victorson
Vice Chair Jessica Janssen
Commissioner Josh Delucchi
Chair Taylor Long
Commissioner Tyler Wagner
Commissioner Heidi Bohall
Commissioner Dan Tadic
Recreation Facility Supervisor Ryan Wells
Guest Elle Susnis

ABSENT

Commissioner Lori Siemers

Public Comment

Chairman Long reviewed decorum rules and opened the floor for public comment. Speakers were allotted 3 minutes each. One Sagle residents spoke regarding accommodation of bicycle camping at the RV Park.

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. January 14, 2026, Draft Minutes for Approval - **Action Item**

The January 14th, 2026, meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote of commissioners present. Commissioner Donenfeld was not present for the vote.

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Old/Unfinished Business

2. Baldfoot Disc Golf Course - Discussion

Commissioner Delucchi gave a presentation on the Bald Foot Disc Golf Course, noting its history, community use, volunteer involvement, and current lease to Great Northern Disc Golf through June 2027. Concerns were raised that sewer fund repayment could force a sale, risking loss of public open space. Commissioner Tadic suggested using a future Local Option Tax (LOT) to reimburse the Sewer Fund and add the property to the City's park inventory. The property aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan, the mayor's goals for low-cost natural parks, and recent community survey priorities emphasizing park preservation and open space.

Commissioners supported pursuing preservation and requested, "Preservation of the Bald Foot Disc Course Property," be placed on the March agenda for a formal recommendation, with next steps including exploring legal pathways for acquisition or transfer, confirming costs, and evaluating a future Local Option Tax (LOT) as a potential funding mechanism.

3. Basketball Court Design - Decide on color pallet for outdoor courts: Pine St., Hickory, and City Beach - **Action Item**

The Commission discussed basketball court resurfacing and color options for the Pine Street, Hickory, and City Beach courts. Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation (ACHP) Commission Chair, Elle Susnis, joined the discussion regarding a mural for the City Beach court. After discussion, commissioner Victorson moved that the ACHP Commission proceed with drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a limited mural at the City Beach court, focused on the center of the court, and that all three courts move forward with standard resurfacing and line striping only, with no full-court color treatment.

Motion made by Commissioner Victorson, Seconded by Commissioner Delucchi.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Donenfeld, Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Commissioner Delucchi, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bohall, Commissioner Tadic

4. Recreation Programs: Recommend 3-5 Programs Desired for 2026 - **Action Item**

Commissioner Long made a motion to move agenda item 6 under New Business "Recreation Programs: Recommend 3-5 programs desired for 2026" up the agenda to be discussed next. Motion passed.

Motion made by Chair Long, Seconded by Commissioner Wagner.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Donenfeld, Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Commissioner Delucchi, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bohall, Commissioner Tadic

After discussion, and contingent upon the hire of a part time recreation coordinator, the Commission unanimously voted to prioritize Youth Track and Field, Youth Basketball, Adult Co-Ed Soccer, Adult Co-Ed Softball, and Adult Co-Ed Volleyball in the 2026 Parks and Recreation lineup.

Motion made by Commissioner Delucchi, Seconded by Chair Long.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Donenfeld, Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Commissioner Delucchi, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bohall, Commissioner Tadic

5. Euclid Park ROW Park Design Proposal - Outline scope of work

The Commission discussed potential use of a City-owned 60-by-180-foot parcel at the end of the Euclid right-of-way as a small pocket park, emphasizing simple, low-cost improvements focused on safe lake access. Benches, signage, limited parking, and possible future non-motorized watercraft access tied to the regional water trail system were discussed.

New Business

6. JER Group Rates

Mr. Wells provided a usage update for the James E. Russell Sports Center, reporting increased court check-ins, with tennis participation rising while pickleball remains the primary use. He also informed the commission that group rates for non-pickleball and tennis sports groups have been added to the website and sought Commission input on potential fencing or screening behind the facility to address HVAC noise concerns; Commissioners supported solutions that emphasize sound mitigation, a natural appearance, and responsiveness to neighboring residents.

General Announcements/Comments

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm

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

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Taylor Long 3/11/2026
Taylor Long, Chair

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Kami Omodt, Board Clerk