

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
June 2nd, 2026

Chair Kazmira Herberger called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. on June 2nd, 2026, at Spring Valley Park.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Kazmira Herberger, Isabela Ballez, Rachel Hughes-Nilsson, Karen Wellman, Elizabeth Kraatz, Seth Chapman, Riley Nilsson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patrick McVerry, Deidrean Barrett

Commissioner Liaison: Chris Praedel

Introduction of Guests: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: Elizabeth Kraatz motioned: Kazmira Herberger seconded for unanimous approval of the April meeting minutes. Elizabeth Kraatz motioned; Rachel Hughes-Nilsson seconded for unanimous approval of the May meeting minutes.

Old Business:

1. Youth and Family Paddle July 11, 2026 – The event is coming along well. It will be held on July 11 from 10 am to 1 pm.
2. World Migratory Bird Day Recap – Board members reported that the event was successful. The raptor program was well received. Members discussed the possibility of screening the film *Migration* for the event next year, along with birding app demonstrations.
3. PRAB Logo – The board reviewed the proposed PRAB logos. The PRAB logo featuring the curved design was approved by unanimous consensus.

New Business:

1. Outreach to find new board members – The board members discussed opportunities to recruit additional community members to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Event Recommendations: None

Adopt-A-Park Applications:

1. None

Comments:

Citizens: None

Commission Liaison: Commissioner Praedel shared an update regarding the downtown two-way road project.

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report: Director McVerry reported that Kik pool will open on June 3. Summer staffing for camp programs has been completed. The operations at the Farmers Market are going well.

Staff: None

Board Members: Rachel Hughes-Nilsson reported that construction at Verburg Park has begun, including playground work, edging, and shelter installation. The pump track is awaiting the pump track contractor. Elizabeth Kraatz reminded members about the "Sharing the Spirit" event on July 8th. Isabela Ballez shared information about a regional partnership group and stated she would send additional information to the board.

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at South Side Park.

Respectfully submitted by Deidrean Barrett, Recording Secretary

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Chair