

## Parks and Recreation Minutes

10/27/2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacie Fahey. Present were Kacie Fahey, Josh Lindgren, Lisa Klemmensen, Nicole Bower, Mark Page and Dawn McCracken.

The Parks and Rec Committee reviewed the 2026 Stelzel Fields fee schedule. The recommendations will be presented to City Council for approval on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

The City's insurance carrier confirmed that having a small portable fire pit is acceptable for the holiday tree lighting and they provided the best practical recommendations for fire safety. Dawn provided the guidelines for fire pits directly from the MN Department of Natural Resources to ensure compliance. Committee members will arrive at 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for event set-up.

The second Parks & Rec. meeting in November will be held on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> following the tree lighting event rather than the pre-scheduled November 24<sup>th</sup> date. In December, a meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> following the Holiday Party. In January through March, there will only be one meeting per month on the second Monday of each month.

Dawn and Charlie will be meeting with Cintas for AED options and pricing. In addition, Dawn is obtaining a quote from Advocates for Health for additional options. Findings will be reported back at a future meeting.

The Sheriff's Department Trunk-or-Treat saw 400-500 attendees, even in the rain.

The recommended Bike Plan is available on the Empire website and will be presented to City Council on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for approval.

The meeting was adjourned.