

Parks and Recreation Minutes

11/10/2025

Chair Kacie Fahey called the meeting to order. Present were Kacie Fahey, Tanya Borchardt, Lisa Klemmensen, Nicole Bower, Dawn McCracken, Mark Page and Charles Seipel Teng.

Charlie presented the annual review of the Parks and Capital Improvement Plan as we are near 2026. As of 11/2/2025 the Bike Plan has been adopted and is the first completed item of the plan. With other City expenses for 2026, there isn't much of a budget for the higher cost improvements which will be revisited in 2027-2028. In the meantime, other smaller scale projects will be considered for 2026-2027 such as new benches and various educational and park entry signage. To close out 2025, a section of the trail near Empire River Preserve was repaved.

Dawn and Charlie researched different AED options for Empire. Dawn presented a leased 3-year contract through Cintas vs. an outright machine purchase with a maintenance plan through a private party. The Committee will continue the discussion at a future meeting in 2026 and propose an equipment plan prior to the Spring opening at Stelzel Fields.

Dawn will contact Mayor Melanie Lee for an overview of her talking points and share with Kacie to eliminate overlap and coordinate with one another at the Empire Tree Lighting ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned.