

Park and Recreation Minutes

February 9th, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacie Fahey. Present were Kacie Fahey, Amanda Stender, Abraham Morales, Josh Lindgren, Nicole Bower, Mark Page and Dawn McCracken.

Stephanie, with the Farmington Girls High School Hockey Booster club, attended as a visitor. She is inquiring about the ability to host a 5K fundraiser in Empire. The proposed route would follow the trail around the City Hall pond, East down 197th St. W, South on Biscayne, through the Empire Park Reserve Trail, crossing Butternut for the trail to 197th, and back around the pond.

The desired date for their event would be Saturday May 2nd at 7:15 am with an arrival time of 6:45 am and runners leaving at 8:30. They would organize the full event from registration, runner numbers, volunteers, snacks, water, etc. Deputy Martin will check with the Sheriff's Department for available assistance that morning to help with any minor traffic at the two street crossings between trails. The Commission is recommending to City Council that the event be approved as proposed.

Deputy Martin and Tim Hunt attended the meeting to discuss the 2026 "Hop with a Cop" Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 11am sharp. We'll split the hunt into ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10+ again.

The Explores will attend to help facilitate the events, and any supplies (eggs, candy, etc) that we need purchased beyond our budget can be sent to Tim as they'd like to fully partner on this event.

It was determined we'll need 3,00 in total of eggs this year. We currently have 1,027 eggs so we will need to purchase roughly 2,000 more eggs. For 0-3, we'll continue with stickers and tattoos, with some of those sprinkled in to the other age group, too. Dawn will begin pricing egg and candy options. She will also continue to coordinate with Tim and Deputy Martin between meetings.

Park& Rec members will reach out to local businesses to request kid friendly Easter basket donations. Baskets should be purchased and ready for pick up, or delivered to City Hall by Tuesday, March 31st. If businesses purchase in advance, we'd appreciate the baskets being displayed with an event flyer.

A Park & Rec. meeting has been added back on Monday, March 23rd for final prep and coordination of the Egg Hunt event.

Summer Entertainment prep is in full swing! Dawn has been working with vendors to coordinate their dates. She'll continue to check into availability of new talent, too. More information is coming soon!

Dawn received an inquiry from Jacob Winter who would like to hold a Disc Golf for Beginners course for 1 hour on both June 11th and 12th from 5-6 pm. He would like to also host a league on June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th, from 5-7pm.

The Commission is in favor of approving the use of the disc golf course, though will request a summer rental/maintenance fee like in 2024 when Farmington Parks and Rec. rented our pickleball courts for classes.

Two food trucks have tentatively been confirmed for Food Truck Night. Dawn will reach out to the next round of desired vendors selected by the Commission. Responses will be discussed and expanded on at the next meeting, so Dawn will continue coordinating truck slots. She'll also discuss with Charlie if the food truck permit fees could be returned back to Park and Rec. if charged, or if we'll need to propose a new fee schedule item for the 2027 such as a "special event fee."

Kellee with the Farmington Parks and Rec. proposed bringing speakers and a playlist for music. They have a community member who enjoys playing at their events to run the music who may be interested in managing this. The Commission is in favor of the added entertainment if Farmington Park and Rec. coordinates. Dawn will check power availability with Jerod and report back to Kellee to confirm we'd have an electrical source.

Dawn reminded Commission members to complete and return their required tax forms. She'll also forward copies via email again.

The meeting was adjourned.