

Parks and Recreation Minutes

September 22nd, 2025

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

The Dakota County Sheriff's Department would like to reserve the Stelzel Fields parking lot on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 from 10:00 am -1:00 pm for a Trunk-or Treat event. Set-up for the event would be from 10:00am- 11:00am and the event would run from 11:00am - 1:00 pm. SWAT and other departments would be invited to participate, as well as local businesses. Deputy Martin will send event details to Dawn for posting on social media leading up to the event. The Committee members recommend the reservation and event be approved.

The tree lighting ceremony will be on Saturday November 29th at 6:00 pm at Empire City Hall. Community members will be welcomed to place an ornament of their own on the tree, to be removed at their own convenience, by the end of the day Sunday, January 4th, 2026. The event will have apple cider and holiday music to enjoy. Kacie will contact the Farmington Choir Director to see if any of their groups would be interested in performing.

The Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 6th, 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00 pm. Commission members will set up on Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 pm and arrive at 9:00 am on Saturday morning. Dawn will reach out to Blue Nose for our coffee and hot chocolate order and work on coordinating our donated cookies. She will also reach out to Jill to see if she'd be Mrs. Claus again.

The Commission will review the Parks and Recreation 2026 fee schedule at a future meeting.

Both Kacie and Nicole would like to renew their terms as of 1/1/2026. Both are coming up on an expiration of 12/31/2025/

The meeting was adjourned.