



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of March 11th, 2025
City Hall**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 6:01 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

Members Present: Rich Dippel, Cretia Radman, Josh Regan, Sadie Patet, Lori Miller Nicole Hall

Members Absent: Kendra Sommerfeld

Others Present: Shannon Young, Colin Trudgeon, Pam Bakken

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Radman and seconded by Mr. Regan to approve Minutes February 11th, 2025.

6 Yays. 0 Nays

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Young offered multiple options for voting for Chair of Vice Chair. Mr. Regan suggested to keep current Chair and Vice Chair. This was agreed upon by the commission.

Motion by Mr. Regan and second by Ms. Patet.

6 Yay 0 Nays

3B. Aquatic Open House

Mr. Dippel shared information regarding the Feasibility meeting from last month. Ms. Young shared that city staff were able to summarize the ideas that were agreed upon from the commission in last month's meeting. Ms. Young distributed a handout that will be provided to citizens at the open house on Wednesday March 19th at the Kaposia Library. This handout offers citizens different options to express their preferences regarding a new aquatic facility. She reviewed each question with the commission. The commission shared their thoughts regarding what should be on the pool survey.

3C. Recreation Program Updates

Mr. Trudgeon shared an overview of the 2024-2025 Outdoor rink season, including attendance reports from all 3 outdoor rinks. The reports showed that Jefferson had significantly more attendance on average than Harmon and Lorraine did. Mr. Trudgeon also shared that there will be a Springtime Skate on April 13th and The Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th. The Color Run will be May 3rd.

3D. Park Master Plan Organization Update

No Updates

3E. Doug Woog Arena Updates

Ms. Young shared it has remained busy at the rink. The rink is hosting the 15U girls state tournament this upcoming weekend, March 14-16th, and there are a few busy weekends coming up including the Great 8, Snipers Kickoff Cup, and MN Hockey HP Final 54. Ms. Radman shared that there will be the ISI Summer Breeze invitational during Kaposia Days.

3F. Community Pool Feasibility & Design Study Update

This topic was grouped in and discussed with topic 3B.

3G. Commissioners Park Assignment Updates

Ms. Miller shared that the parks are muddy, the commission agreed. Mr. Dippel shared there is a pipe revealed on Simons Ravine. Ms. Young noted she will contact the Maintenance Department to look into.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4A. Summit Park Tennis Court

Ms. Young shared the Summit Park Tennis Court will get resurfaced this spring.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dippel encouraged all commission members to attend the aquatic open house to help gather as much information as possible.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: April 8th, 2025, @ City Hall Training Room.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dippel, first by Ms. Miller and second Mr. Radman by at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Trudgeon