



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of July 8th, 2025
City Hall**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 5:30 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

Members Present: Kendra Sommerfeld, Rich Dippel, Cretia Radman, Lori Miller, Josh Regan, & Sadie Patet

Members Absent: Nicole Hall

Others Present: Shannon Young, Heather Flock, Colin Trudgeon, Pam Bakken

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Dippel, first by Mr. Regan and seconded by Ms. Sommerfeld to approve Minutes of June 10th, 2025.

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3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Aquatic Pool Feasibility & Design Update –

Mrs. Young wanted to discuss what the commission would want in at Lorraine, including splash pads, ninja warrior parks, etc. Ms. Miller shared that she stopped by camp and was really encouraged by the splashpad and excitement of the kids. The commission agreed that they are in favor of a multi-use park area that would draw in people from all around the city. Mr. Dippel shared that the City has always done a good job on promoting family gathering and group gatherings, and would love to see more of that idea incorporated with Lorraine. Mrs. Young also shared that KLG will present their pool designs to City Council at the next City Council Work session meeting.

3B. Recreation Program Updates-

Mrs. Flock shared that the initial offering of Adult Learn to Ride E-Bike Program has sold out. Due to high demand, she is opening an additional time slot. Swim lessons are going strong. Private lessons are in high demand and running smoothly. She also shared that Lorraine has hit capacity on all dry weather days, and Northview has also been consistently busy. Splish Splash Bash is coming soon. Mr. Trudgeon shared that Summer Camps, T-Ball, and Summer Playhouse are all near or past the midway point. Summer Camp was at Lorraine last week due to the Disc Golf Worlds. Football is around the corner, also.

3C. Doug Woog Arena Updates-

Mrs. Young shared that there were a few events at the arena over Kaposia Days weekend. ISI hosted an event and there was a “beat the heat” event the following day at the rink. A few issues came up but were quickly resolved.

3D. CIP Updates-

Mrs. Young shared that council approved new doors at Doug Woog Arena which is a much needed replacement. The concrete by the doors was also damaged and has to be replaced.

3E. Wakota Trailhead/DNR Boat Landing Update

Mrs. Young shared that she got confirmation from the DNR that they aren't moving ahead with construction at the launch until the conclusion of the mussel study was completed. It was just recently completed, so there will be an update at the next meeting.

3F. Grant Updates

Mrs. Young shared that the Outdoor Recreation Grant has been awarded. The funds will be directed towards a new Lorraine Playground. Mrs. Flock and another city employee worked hard on completing the grant. She then shared that we have been awarded the UTSA Northern Grants which will give the city \$9,500 for Harmon Park resurfacing and \$11,250 awarded from the UTSA Tennis Venue Services Grant. Lastly, she shared that the MRPAF New Initiative Grant awarded the city with \$2,000 to support and grow wellness programming initiatives.

3E. Commissioners Park Assignment Updates –

Mrs. Miller shared that she went to most parks while looking for the medallion, and almost every park looks great. She did mention that Harmon Park could use a facelift.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Sommerfeld shared that Outdoor School for all passed a program to aid Public Schools provide outdoor opportunities for kids. She also shared that the Watershed Group she is with may have the opportunity to collaborate with the city in the future.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: June 10th, 2025, @ City Hall Training Room.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dippel first by Mrs. Miller and second by Mrs. Radman at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Trudgeon