



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of January 13th, 2026
City Hall**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 6:03 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Sadie Patet, Kendra Sommerfeld

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Dippel, first by Mr. Radman and seconded by Mr. Regan to approve Minutes from November 12th, 2025.

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3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Aquatic Pool and Feasibility Study & Design Update

Ms. Young shared that meetings have taken place with JLG regarding the pool's bonding process. City Administrator Ryan Garcia, Planning Manager Michael Healy, Shannon Young Recreation Director met with Representative Rick Hanson to discuss potential state bonding for the pool. Ms. Young spoke about several design updates, including a recent change related to the driveway entrance.

3B. Recreation Program Updates

Ms. Flock shared that both Christmas events went well. Next up is Flannel Fest, with the first event being on Sunday 1/18 with Flapjacks and Flannels. On Friday January 23rd will be the Hotdish Showdown. The Medallion Hunt is currently up and the clues are out. Mr. Trudgeon shared that the rinks had trouble staying open consistently with the cold weather that has come.

3C. Doug Woog Arena Updates

Ms. Young shared the arena has been busy as ever the past month with the high school tournaments and peewee tournaments.

3D. CIP Updates

No updates until Feb.

3E. Commissioners Park Assignment Updates

No updates.

Mr. Dippel and Ms. Patet will be up for reappointment in February

4. NEW BUSINESS

4A. Scoreboards

Ms. Young shared that Mike Casdelenda has expressed interest in replacing the scoreboard at Harmon. While the scoreboard has been repaired for now, a replacement is likely to be considered for 2027. There is also interest in replacing the scoreboard at McGuire, with Mr. Dippel leading efforts to secure funding. Relocating the McGuire scoreboard is being discussed to right center. At this time, representatives from high school and youth baseball, are exploring funding options, with the project also looking like a 2027 timeline.

4B. Amour Gate Art Commemoration

Ms. Bakken shared that council is in need of a liaison from the park commission regarding the art project made with Amour gate materials. A design process will go underway, and a park commission member will serve on the board as a liaison from the park commission.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: February 10th, 2026, @ City Hall Training Room.
Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dippel, first by Ms. Miller and second by Ms. Hall at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Trudgeon