



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of February 10th, 2026
City Hall**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 6:02 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

Members Present: Rich Dippel, Josh Regan, Lori Miller, Sadie Patet

Members Absent: Cretia Radman, Kendra Sommerfeld

Others Present: Shannon Young, Nicole Hall, Heather Flock, Colin Trudgeon

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Dippel, first by Mr. Regan and seconded by Ms. Patet to approve Minutes from January 13th, 2026.

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3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Aquatic Outdoor Pool Design Update

Ms. Young reported that there are limited updates regarding the pool project at this time. JLG is currently working through site grading and utility planning. Staff has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), which is the first step prior to issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is currently anticipated to be released around February 23.

3B. Recreation Program Updates

Mr. Trudgeon shared that the warming houses are closing as of today due to warm weather, but it was a successful season. Ms. Flock shared details about the candlelight hike which was a great success with the turnout. She received a lot of positive feedback. She also shared new events this summer including concerts in the parks and a drive-in movie.

3C. Doug Woog Arena Updates

Ms. Young shared that there are no major updates at this time and operations continue as usual. Youth tournaments will begin in March and run through April.

3D. CIP Updates

Ms. Young shared updates regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and distributed handouts outlining CIP information for the upcoming years. She reviewed specific line items related to both Doug Woog Arena and Parks and Recreation. Doug Woog arena included replacing rooftop HVAC units, with future placeholders for the replacement of rink one floor and boards. Parks and Recreation CIP has ballfield rehabilitation, replacement of dog park fencing and Summit Park

improvements with future placeholders for additional park playground replacements. Ms. Flock then presented images of the Lorraine Playground structure design, which is scheduled to be replaced in 2027. Ms. Flock then shared a Spruce Park presentation, with playground designs that are available for the Spruce park redesign. Ms. Flock has been working on a grant, similar to the Lorraine grant, that will match the city's contributions for a new playground structure. The Spruce design will be geared to be ADA accessible and sensory friendly as possible. She shared 2 designs for the commission to share their thoughts.

3E. Commissioners Park Assignment Updates

Mr. Dippel shared he met with members of the baseball association in regard to replacing the McGuire scoreboard. There are a few options for the replacement, and the group is working together to get the funds to get their scoreboard replaced.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4A. Disc Golf

Ms. Young shared that the city had terminated the agreement with Jason Wilder at the disc golf course. She is working on an RFP to replace the vendor, and the hope is to have the vendor replaced by April. The course will likely be closed soon due to weather and course preservation.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Miller shared she is on the committee for the Armor Gates brick restoration project.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: February 10th, 2026, @ City Hall Training Room.
Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Miller, and second by Mr. Dippel at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Trudgeon