



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

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 6:00 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

Members Present: Rich Dippel, Josh Regan, Kendra Sommerfeld, Cretia Radman, Nicole Hall, Sadie Patet

Members Absent: Lori Miller

Others Present: Shannon Young, Heather Flock, Colin Trudgeon

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Jaycie Korth was introduced to the commission.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Dippel, first by Mr. Regan and seconded by Ms. Radman to approve Minutes from February 10th, 2026.

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3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission conducted its annual election of officers. Mr. Dippel was nominated and unanimously reappointed to serve as Chair for the upcoming term. Following this, Ms. Radman was nominated and elected as Vice Chair. The Commission expressed appreciation for Mr. Dippel's continued leadership and welcomed Ms. Radman into her new role as Vice Chair.

3B. Aquatic Outdoor Pool Design Update

Ms. Young reported that the deadline for submissions to select a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) had passed. Four proposals for the pool project were received. City staff will review the submissions and will interview the firms deemed to be in the best interest of the City before making a final selection.

3C. Recreation Program Updates Ms. Flock reported that the City will offer concessions at Kaposia Landing this summer to help retain seasonal staff in the absence of the pool. She also noted that the Color Run is scheduled for May 2, and the City is continuing to seek sponsors and volunteers. Mr. Trudgeon then presented rink attendance statistics for 2026, including comparisons to 2025. Overall attendance remained consistent, with the exception of Lorraine, which experienced lower usage this winter. Jefferson and Harmon rinks showed higher average hourly attendance, though with lower peak daily numbers.

3D. Doug Woog Arena Updates

Mrs. Young shared the winter season is wrapping up but spring season is on the horizon. There is an expectation for a very busy April with various weekend tournaments.

3E. Disc Golf Vendor Discussion

Mrs. Young shared there were two proposals received. She asked the opinion of the commission. City Staff will decide on a proposal in the coming days and move forward from there. Mr. Dippel shared he thinks both groups will have the chance to succeed if chosen to manage the course. Mrs.

Radman points out the difference in closing times in the proposals. Mrs. Young said the closing times can fluctuate based on the season and it is something that can be worked out later in process. The commission agreed on their preference of the two proposals.

3F. Community Garden

Ms. Young reported that she has received several concerns regarding the closure of the community gardens this year due to construction. She noted that plans for reopening include additional plots, access points, and overall layout. The current projected reopening is in 2027.

3G. Lorraine Park Playground

Ms. Flock reported that the Lorraine Park playground replacement project is progressing as planned. Trees identified as dead were removed as scheduled to allow the project to move forward. The goal is to have the project fully completed by the end of the summer.

3H. Commissioners Park Assignments/Updates

Mrs. Young passed around a park assignment sheet for the commissioners to complete. A few commissioners traded their assignments amongst each other.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4A. Dakota County JPA

Ms. Young shared that the City is working to implement the Dakota County Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which is currently in draft form and awaiting County approval. She noted that staff are coordinating with County representatives to ensure alignment with program goals and requirements and are reviewing procedures and next steps for implementation. Additional updates will be provided as the process moves forward.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: April 14th, 2026 @ City Hall Training Room.
Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Dippel, and second by Mr. Radman at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Trudgeon