

**City of Pierre**  
**Park and Recreation Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**1-15-26**

**4:00 PM – Convene at City Hall Prairie Room**

- **Determination of quorum.** Members: Templeton\_\_x\_ Vacant \_\_\_  
Hanig\_\_\_ Buscher\_\_\_\_\_ Potter\_\_x\_\_ DeMers\_\_x\_\_  
Ex-officio member: Williams \_\_ \_ Commissioner Reitzel\_\_\_x\_\_  
Staff members: Peitz \_\_x\_\_Jensen \_\_x\_ Schultz\_\_\_ Tipton\_\_\_
  
- **Motion to approve minutes of the November 2025 meeting. Motion by Potter, seconded by Templeton.**
- **Any additions to the agenda, motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Potter, seconded by DeMers**

**Reports:**

- **YMCA – Williams –** Rachel was out sick, but Cody presented an update sent to her by William.
- Swim meet is scheduled for Jan 30<sup>th</sup> to Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Lazy Man Triathlon January 26 to February 26. People use the Aquatic Center, the tracker, treadmills, and exercise bikes to complete the triathlon distance in a month's time to enter to win a cash prize.
- We are making a strong effort to update people's contact information in our system so we can communicate more effectively about policy updates, rate changes, and programs. Holly Hardy is the aquatics director. She had double knee replacements and is recovering well. However, she is back to light-duty work, and we can cover all guard shifts with the rest of the staff without interrupting the pool schedule. We had to close the aquatic center pool a few times due to issues with the backwash tank. We managed to fix it, and we even received a comment from a member saying it looks clean now. I can explain a bit about that. We had a valve that wouldn't open on the backwash, but I believe we got that fixed. We plan to try another backwash next week, right before our swimming activities.
- The sound system is being worked on by Comtech. I can also mention that we are adding an amplifier, so it should now connect to the lobby. Previously, we had it set up and fixed so that during swim meets, they could use the microphone in the deck area at the swim pool, but they were experiencing issues.
- And then the last thing, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, the YMCA will release a community-wide survey to gather feedback from people to help us shape our strategic plan. Please take the survey and encourage others to do the same

- **Rec Dept. – Program updates and activities** - Peitz reported she has been working on the outdoor pool's chemical lines and other minor maintenance at the outdoor pool. Peitz is also taking a web-based lifeguard management certification through the American Red Cross. Summer recreation registration will go live on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Parks Dept.** – Jensen reported that the crew has been completing tree work with the street department regarding the ordinance change from 12 ft to 14ft over the street. Parks also helped at the golf course with a large cottonwood tree and has been taking down Christmas lights. LaBarge bathroom and Steamboat Park bathrooms have also been updated with minor repairs (i.e., painting, updating lights to LED, and sheet rock). The Parks department painted the community room at the Chamber of Commerce

### **Old Business -**

- **Trail Project Updates:** Cody provided a draft map of the trail for review.
- **Disc golf updates:** Jay and Bryan met on site at Steamboat Park and reviewed changes to the layout
- **Wheelchair ramp:** no update.

### **New Business**

- Dog park shade structure – Group discussed the possibility of adding a shade structure to the dog park.
  - Dialogue and other staff updates – Group briefly discussed lights at Devine Park for the River City corn hole league. A single light would be installed to assist the group's league in the shoulder season. The group is fundraising for the cost of the lights.

- 5:00 PM – Adjourn. Motion by Templeton, seconded by Potter. The board's Next meeting is on February 19th at 4:00 PM at City Hall