PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

April 15th, 2026

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

At 5:15 p.m. at the Nevada Field House, 1625 Fawcett Pkwy, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on April 11th, 2026, on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open meeting law.

Deb Parker called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The roll was called, indicating the following named members present and absent. Present: Mark Cahill,Linda Griffith, Lacey Johnson, Mike Miller, Deb Parker,Karen Selby and Tony Sneiderman. Absent: none. Others Present: Rhonda Maier, Sarah Makovec and Zach Landhuis.

Motion by Board Member Mike Miller and seconded by Board Member Linda Griffith to approve the agenda. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion, and the roll being called, the following-named Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Miller, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None.

Motion by Board Member Lacey Johnson and seconded by Board Member Karen Selby

to approve the consent agenda. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion, and the roll being called, the following Board Members Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Miller, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None.

Public Forum:

- No items were brought before the Board.

Old Business:

A. Hattery Park improvement discussion. Work on the bathroom updates has started. There will now be two unisex bathrooms that are ADA compliant. Playground installation will begin in September.

B. Harrington Park improvement discussion. A concept for the dog park has been created. This concept is a starting point to help determine associated costs with its potential development. The next step is to take the concept to the City Council for their approval, along with obtaining their support of a capital fundraising campaign. The Park and Recreation board agreed to take the concept to the city council for their approval along with moving forward on fundraising.

C. Aquatic Center Feature Improvement discussion. We started clearing out some of the old landscaping and play pieces. This will help give it a clean fresh look. In the fall we plan to install a dry play area and two new zero depth entry features. This summer we plan to add a basketball hoop. We will also be closing the drop slide and using that area for deep water swimming.

New Business:

A. Eagle Scout project. Rhett Faaborg with Country Landscapes is working with Asher Swanson on a prairie project along Indian Creek.

B. Leadership Nevada proposal of benches and heel stretchers for the Field House. Cary Peterson with Leadership Nevada met with Rhonda and they are wanting to put two benches along the track for patrons who need to take a break and rest. They want to also add some heel stretches to help support mobility. This will all be a donation from Leadership Nevada. The board approved moving forward with this idea.

C. Soccer Club Agreement. The Club has yet to respond to the proposed agreement. A copy of the proposed agreement was given to the board for their review.

D. Discussion of SRF project. With the creek extension project they are going to add a natural landscape with prairie flowers along the creek at Meadow Lane.

E. Aquatic Center Start day and hours. With school in session until June 5, we will not have the staff to fully open on June 1. We propose June 1-5 we open from 11-1 for Adult lap swim and shallow water time. Our intent to be fully open on June 6th. This should give adequate time to get the staff fully trained and ready to be on stand.

Staff Reports

Rhonda Maier: Rhonda shared that during Pizza Pie Looza Sports Bowl will have beer sales. Set up will begin Thursday and SCORE will be host to several activities. There will be no parking in the East SCORE parking lot Friday morning through Saturday night. Access to the parks and Field House will be by sidewalks from the west parking lot. Rhonda shared that the Roller Derby went well and they enjoyed using our facility. Baxter will be having their after prom at the Field House.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board member Mark Cahill and seconded by Mike Miller to adjourn. The Roll being called, the following Board members voted. Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Miller, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None. Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried and at 6:44 pm the meeting adjourned.

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Deb Parker, Chairperson

Attest:

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Sarah Makovec, Secretary