



## KINDRED PARK BOARD MINUTES

February 11, 2026 6:30 pm

Location: Kindred City Hall

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:31 PM by President Rob Sahr

**Present Members:** Rob Sahr, Lloyd Hoffarth, Patrick Bergh, Justine Gibbon, & Parks Director Mike Brown

**Absent Attendees:** Kevin Mehrer & Accountant AnnDee Erickson

- **APPROVE MINUTES for January 14th, 2026**
  - Board President Sahr asked the board to review the December 2025 Minutes. Lloyd Hoffarth made a motion to approve the minutes, Patrick Bergh 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - No Public Comments were received.
- **FINANCE REPORT**
  - Accountant AnnDee Erickson provided an email update to Parks Director Mike Brown regarding current finance reports. The North Dakota Sales and Use Tax Report was filed with a reported amount of \$0. The filing may be amended at a future date if necessary. No January finance report was received by the parkboard.
  - W-2 forms were sent out late February 6–8, resulting in a late filing fee of \$500. Kevin Mehrer, Park Board Treasurer, will follow up with the accountant to determine the reason the W-2 forms were sent out late.
- **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - **School Collaboration / Field Upgrades:**

Brown reported that he met with the school to discuss Kindred Youth Baseball's proposed field upgrades. The discussion led to additional ideas regarding how the Park Board and the school may contribute funding toward further softball field improvements. Discussion was also held on whether a Parkboard member should attend school board meetings to remain informed and involved. Potential projects discussed included a sewer hookup, paving the Gilbertson parking lot, and construction of a press box.
  - **Facility & Infrastructure Needs:**

Brown reported that the City is developing plans for a future city office building with storage, and the Parkboard may have the opportunity to rent office space within the new City building. He also noted that he will meet with Morton Buildings regarding a potential recreation center and office space for the Parkboard. Additional discussion and cost comparison will be needed before a decision is made for which office and storage space the parkboard will pursue.
  - **Recreation Desk:**

The online recreation desk has opened with youth sports and spring activities.



- **Youth Softball:**

Softball age groups include 8U, 10U, and 12U. Brown discussed starting the season one week earlier to allow for additional practices beginning May 18. Softball typically participates in an end-of-year tournament; this year Brown is exploring participation in the West Fargo tournament scheduled for June 19–21. Discussion included 12-year-old jerseys and selling old softball helmets and T-ball helmets.
- **Flag Football:**

3rd grade flag football registration cost will be \$25 per participant. FM Athletics was discussed as a potential partner for 4th grade tackle football. It was noted that the program should be parent-driven, with a parent coach serving as the liaison. Board member Bergh will follow up with Brown, and they will discuss contacting FM Athletics. For grades 5–6, there will be two teams, and Brown will schedule games.
- **Soccer:**

Brown reported that the soccer field for older participants will be larger this year.
- **Photos:**

Brenna Berge will take photos earlier in the season for softball and T-ball.
- **Swimming Lessons:**

Berge is certified to teach swimming lessons and she has been contracted as the pool manager again.
- **Special Events:**

Donut Ball is scheduled for March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Discussion included switching the meal to a Taco-in-a-bag bar.  
Cupcake Ball is scheduled for April 25. Brown is considering catering the Cupcake ball with an estimated cost of \$2,700 for food plus \$500 for catering; drinks and cupcakes would still need to be provided.
- **Fundraising / Donations:**

Brooks Bakko Gatorade Player of the Year funds were discussed, including plans for pictures with 5th and 6th grade football participants.
- **Technology:**

Brown discussed the potential use of an iPad and card reader for pool admissions and softball.
- **Kindred Days:**

Brown shared an email from Lydia Ronnigen regarding the Kindred Days movie.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - **Newport park name:**

Hoffarth provided the parkboard with a summary of the future Newport park that will be surrounding the detention pond. The summary will be included in the next Parks and Rec newsletter to educate the community on our plans and about naming rights to Kindred’s newest park.
  - **Park events:**

Brown discussed park events scheduled for the next few months. Donut Ball has been moved to March. Brown expressed interest in adding a business crawl event (such as cocoa and chili) in January 2027 and a Winter Festival in February 2027. For May, Brown discussed the possibility of bringing a “Touch a Truck” event to the community.



- **Softball field school agreement:**  
Ongoing discussion with the school board to discuss upgrades to the softball fields.
- **KYB fundraising update:**  
KYB has approached the Kindred Parkboard and Kindred Public Schools regarding potential contributions, particularly for field upgrades such as dugouts, lighting, and field turf, and noted that if the Parkboard were to consider upgrades, a future Memorandum of Understanding could formalize the agreement. The Board asked questions regarding how the project would connect to the existing Pro Ag complex infrastructure.
- **Parks Director employee review:**  
The Parks Director received his annual employee review, and Board members expressed satisfaction with Brown's performance over the past year. Discussion was held regarding the breakdown of salary and benefits, including a potential pay raise and bonus incentives tied to increased revenue. The Board requested a historical salary and benefits breakdown from the accountant to assist in developing a fair and competitive compensation package. No agreement was reached, and a special meeting will be scheduled to finalize compensation details.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - **New city building:**  
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  - **Update on bike path:**  
Scooter and bike safety class, could we possibly arrange for local law enforcement to talk to the elementary and middle schools about bike and scooter safety.
- **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
  - **City Council Quorum**
  - Dates for the next joint city meeting were discussed. The board expressed interest in April 1st before the regular City Council meeting. Gibbon will reach out to Tabitha Arnold to confirm the date.
  - **Update on bike path:**  
Hoffarth and Bergh shared updates on the bike path, including the status of current grant applications related to the project.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
  - Donut Ball March 29th
  - Easter Eggstravaganza (potentially) April 6th
  - Cupcake Ball April 25th
- **ADJOURN**
  - Bergh made a motion to Adjourn, Gibbon 2nd, motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 9:10 PM.



Elected Position – Park Board Member	Officers	Portfolio	4-Year Term End Date
<b>Rob Sahr</b>	President	Grounds and Maintenance	<b>June 2026</b>
<b>Kevin Mehrer</b>	Treasurer	Fundraising/ Finance	June 2028
<b>Patrick Bergh</b>	At – Large	Community Engagement & Volunteerism	June 2026
<b>Justine Gibbon</b>	Secretary	Recreation Programming & Events	<b>June 2026</b>
<b>Lloyd Hoffarth</b>	Vice President	Projects Coordination	<b>June 2026</b>