



KINDRED PARK BOARD AGENDA
April 8th, 2026 7:30 pm
Location: Kindred Memorial Building

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:47 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

GUEST SPEAKER

- Representatives from the Barley Days (formerly Kindred Days) volunteer group attended the meeting and presented a tentative agenda for the upcoming event. Discussion included potential events and activities that the Park Board could host as part of the Barley Days celebration.

APPROVE MINUTES for March 11th, 2026

- Board President Rob Sahr asked the board to review the March 11 Meeting Minutes. Justine Gibbon made a motion to approve the minutes, Patrick Bergh 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No comments were received.

FINANCE REPORT

- Accountant AnnDee Erickson was absent, and no new financial report was provided for the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **iPad and Card Reader Update:** The board discussed the purchase of an iPad and card reader for pool operations, with estimated costs between \$400–\$500. The Square card reader fee structure of 2.6% per tap plus \$0.15 per transaction was reviewed. The board discussed offsetting these costs by slightly increasing the price of a single item rather than raising overall rates. Parks Director Mike Brown is also exploring PayPal as an alternative option.
- **Softball Field Update:** The board received an update on improvements to the softball field. Brian Kaufman is currently designing a press box. The bleachers have been leveled and installed, and the scoreboard has been delivered and will be installed soon. A new batting cage has been set up, and the existing batting cage in the middle will be removed and replaced. Additional improvements include the installation of new pitching mounds.
- **Donut Ball Update:** The Donut Ball will be rescheduled as a fun event to take place later this summer.



- **Easter Eggstravaganza:** Approximately 50 children attended the Easter Eggstravaganza event. Remaining prizes will be repurposed by Mike Brown for use as raffle items at the Cupcake Ball.

OLD BUSINESS

- **New City Building:** The City Council discussed and shared their plans and vision for the proposed new city building with the Park Board.
- **Pool Heater:** The purchase of a new pool heater was approved by the City Council during the joint parkboard and city council meeting.
- **Sales Tax and iPad Discussion:** The board revisited and recapped prior discussions regarding sales tax and the use of iPads for payment processing.
- **Clarifying Roles and Responsibilities:** Discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of Park Board members and the Parks Director was tabled until next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Preliminary Budget Preparation:** Discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.
- **Naming Rights to Softball Field at Gilberson Park:** The board discussed naming rights for Gilberson Softball Field, including the potential to rename the field to First Community Credit Union Field.
- **High School Softball Concessions:** The board discussed the possibility of allowing high school softball to use concession profits to support an assistant coach and potentially sponsor two games.
- **Bike/Scooter Safety Training:** The board discussed offering a bike and scooter safety training opportunity in partnership with North Dakota Child Safety and Sanford, and possibly collaborating with the Sheriff's Office.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **WIC Van Visit:** The board discussed the WIC van from Fargo Cass Public Health visiting the community, possibly during Barley Days.
- **Barley Days:** The board discussed Barley Days and whether the Park Board should host or participate in an event as part of the celebration.
- **Newport Park Naming:** Discussion was limited due to Kevin Mehrer's absence.
- **FM Athletics – 4th Grade:** The board discussed options for 4th grade athletics, including coordinating games with surrounding communities and the possibility of combining 3rd and 4th grade students for flag football.
- **Bike Path Update:** An update was shared that the bike path was recently discussed at the City Council meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Cupcake Ball:** April 25th
- **Touch a Truck and Kite Fest:** The board discussed hosting a Touch-a-Truck and Kite Fest event, tentatively on May 13. Plans include providing hotdogs for attendees.
- **Viking Pride Night – Family Pass:** A motion was made by Justine Gibbon to approve a family pass for Viking Pride Night. The motion was seconded by Rob Sahr and carried.

ADJOURN

- 9:15 President Sahr makes a motion to adjourn. Gibbon Seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

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