



KINDRED PARK BOARD AGENDA
May 13th, 2026 6:30 pm
Location: Kindred Memorial Building

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:35 PM by Kevin Mehrer

Present Members: Lloyd Hoffarth, Justine Gibbon, Kevin Mehrer, & Parks Director Mike Brown.

Absent Attendees: President Rob Sahr, Patrick Bergh, & Accountant AnnDee Erickson

GUEST SPEAKER

- Andy Westby, a representative from Kindred Youth Baseball, attended the meeting and provided an update on the KYB Field of Dreams expansion project. Westby shared donor updates and outlined current plans, which include one new baseball field, a two-lane batting cage, and a concession building. KPH will complete the groundwork and seeding for the project. Preliminary discussion was also held regarding the transfer or granting of land to the Park Board and whether the project should be completed in phases or all at once. The board noted that once the property is transferred, the existing agreement with Kindred Youth Baseball will need to be updated to address maintenance responsibilities, upkeep, and utility costs associated with the new property.

APPROVE MINUTES for April 8th, 2026

- Treasurer Kevin Mehrer asked the board to review the April 8th Meeting Minutes. Lloyd Hoffarth made a motion to approve the minutes, Kevin Mehrer 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No comments were received.

FINANCE REPORT

- **Discuss about accountant:** discussion on long-term solution for accounting such as an accountant that lives in town or Reliance Associates for accounting services; Lloyd Hoffarth will get a quote for us with Reliance Associates
- **Monthly bills:** Approved and paid including t-ball tshirts, pool equipment, and softball equipment

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **iPad and Card Reader Update:** Parks Director, Mike Brown, reported that an iPad has been purchased for pool operations. He is currently exploring the ability to enter cash transactions into the online till system to allow for more accurate tracking of sales and revenue.
- **Bike/Scooter Safety Training:** The board received an update that the bike and scooter safety training event is scheduled to be held in June.
- **Softball Field Updates:** The board discussed recent softball field improvements, including the installation of new signage below the scoreboard. The board also noted the need for an update on remaining softball project funds.
- **Summer Employees:** Mike Brown reported that summer staffing is nearly complete. Brenna Berge has been rehired as Pool Manager, along with ten lifeguards and three maintenance crew members. Additional umpires are still needed for the summer season.
- **Cupcake Ball Update:** Approximately 65 individuals attended the Cupcake Ball event. The board noted that average attendance is typically around 70 participants.



OLD BUSINESS

- **Naming Rights – Gilberson Softball Field:** The board discussed the naming rights of Gilberson Softball Field, including the history of the park and the significance of the field's current name.
- **High School Softball Concessions:** The board approved allocating \$700 from high school softball concession proceeds to support the assistant coach position. Accountant AnnDee Erickson will issue the payment.
- **New City Building:** The board discussed plans for the proposed new city building, including potential office space and facilities for Park Board operations.
- **Clarifying Roles and Responsibilities – Park Board Members and Parks Director:** Discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of Park Board members and the Parks Director was tabled until next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Gilberson Parking Lot Paving:** The board reviewed the initial bid for paving the Gilberson Parking Lot, which was estimated at \$316,950. Kindred Public School proposed covering half of the project cost; however, the board determined that the Park District is not willing to commit that level of funding to the project at this time. As an alternative, the board discussed developing a more cost-effective plan that would involve scraping the existing gravel surface down to the base and resurfacing the lot with crushed concrete or a similar material. Further discussion and cost estimates will be pursued.
- **Linden Lot Development Discussion:** The board discussed potential future uses for the Linden Lot and began developing ideas for the space. Concepts discussed included pickleball courts, sand volleyball courts, a sledding hill, a ninja-style playground, additional parking, and a shelter with restroom facilities.
- **Barley Days (formerly Kindred Days):** The board discussed potential participation in Barley Days activities, including offering free swim at the pool on Friday and Saturday, hosting a Foam Pit Party, and entering a parade float. The board also discussed the potential involvement of the WIC van from Fargo Cass Public Health as part of the event.
- **City Park Updates and Allocated Funds:** The board reviewed City Park project updates and discussed the remaining allocated funds. As of the meeting, \$7,882.31 remained available for project-related expenses. The board reviewed the planned use of the remaining funds, including \$4,000 for additional mulch, \$1,100 for the donor recognition sign, funding for the poles needed to install the donor sign, and the remaining balance for grass seed and paper fiber/hydroseeding to complete landscaping and restoration efforts.
- **Charter Bus Trip to Minnesota Twins Game:** Lloyd Hoffarth proposed organizing a charter bus trip to a Minnesota Twins game. The concept would allow community members to purchase a package that includes transportation, a game ticket, and a meal.
- **Preliminary Budget Preparation:** Discussion regarding preliminary budget preparation was tabled until next month's meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Newport park name:** No new updates were reported regarding the naming of Newport Park. The item remains under consideration for future discussion.
- **Walking path:** No new updates were reported regarding the naming of Newport Park. The item remains under consideration for future discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Touch a Truck and Kite Fest:** Was a success and was a fun event to hold the same day as Chalkfest. We look forward to growing the event and getting more participation with the community.
- **Rescheduling Donut Ball:** June TBA



ADJOURN

- 9:30 Kevin Mehrer makes a motion to adjourn. Hoffarth 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