



KINDRED PARK BOARD MINUTES
June 10th, 2026 6:30 pm
Location: Kindred Memorial Building

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:29 PM by President Rob Sahr

Present Members: President Rob Sahr, Lloyd Hoffarth, Justine Gibbon, Kevin Mehrer, & Patrick Bergh

Absent Attendees: Accountant AnnDee Erickson, & Parks Director Mike Brown

APPROVE MINUTES for May 13th, 2026

- President Rob Sahr asked the board to review the May 13th Meeting Minutes. Patrick Bergh 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:** revisited the discussion on long-term solutions for accounting such as an accountant that lives in town or using an accounting firm for accounting services; Lloyd Hoffarth was absent and is working on getting a quote with Reliance Associates Accounting firm.
- **Monthly bills:** The board reviewed and approved payment of the monthly bills. All bills were approved and paid.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Update on ipad / card reader for pool:** The board discussed the current concession tracking process and noted that attendance and food sales can be tracked using the existing cash register system. The process will be reevaluated this fall. The board also discussed moving forward with an iPad at the Pro Ag fields for the summer of 2027, pending MLGC providing internet service at no cost.
- **Bike / scooter training:** The board received an update that the bike and scooter safety training event will be held in approximately two weeks. The event will be promoted through social media. The board approved purchasing leftover helmets at a cost of \$8 per helmet to have available for future community needs.
- **Pool Updates:** An update was provided on the pool heater replacement. Delivery of the heater was delayed after the original unit was mistakenly shipped to another facility. The replacement heater required additional plumbing, electrical work, and relocation of the baby pool heater due to its larger size. These additional infrastructure costs will need to be paid from the parkboard pool fund. The board also received an update on the baby pool pump replacement. Installation was delayed after a three-phase pump was received instead of the required single-phase pump, requiring additional electrical work. The baby pool has since reopened and is operating normally. The spray features and mushroom fountain remain out of service due to a separate electrical issue, and repairs will be evaluated after current project expenses have been paid.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Naming right to Gilbertson softball field:** No new updates were reported regarding the naming rights of Gilbertson Softball Field. Justine Gibbon will reach out to former Park Board members to gather information on the history of the park and determine whether renaming the softball field would be appropriate.
- **Initial bid for paving Gilbertson Parking Lot:** The board continued discussion regarding improvements to the Gilbertson Parking Lot. The initial paving bid was approximately \$317,000, and Kindred Public School proposed splitting the project cost equally with the Park District. Zack Batson,



representing the School Board, was present for the discussion. As a more cost-effective alternative, the board discussed scraping the existing lot, addressing drainage through fracturing/drilling, leveling the surface, and obtaining updated quotes for resurfacing the lot with crushed concrete or new gravel. Further cost estimates will be reviewed before moving forward.

- **Linden Lot:** The board discussed future development ideas for the Linden Lot. Justine Gibbon shared several concepts with Lydia Ronningen and requested clarification on whether the previously donated concrete was designated specifically for the skate park or if it could instead be used for future pickleball courts. Ronningen responded that she supports exploring all proposed ideas and recommended developing a comprehensive site layout for the entire lot to allow improvements to be completed in phases as funding becomes available. She suggested considering factors such as the orientation of recreational areas, required safety setbacks, proximity to neighboring properties, landscaping, parking, and overall site flow. Ronningen also offered to assist with planning and connect the board with Moore Engineering for conceptual layout designs. The board will further discuss using this long-term planning approach to guide future development of the Linden Lot.
- **Barley Days (formerly Kindred Days):** The board discussed plans for Barley Days and approved purchasing a foam party for the park on Saturday, August 8, from 1:00–2:00 p.m. The cost of \$550 will be covered by the Parks Department. Patrick Bergh will follow up with Mike Kolness and Lydia Ronningen regarding the setup and coordination of a pop-up trailer for a potential drive-in movie event.
- **City Park Updates & allocated money:** The board reviewed the remaining donated funds available for the City Park project and discussed what financial contribution could be made to complete the remaining improvements. Discussion included whether to incorporate the existing swing set into the renovated playground by adding additional mulch or to remove the swing set and reduce the mulched area by reducing the landscape border. Lydia Ronningen recommended integrating the existing playground with the new playground to create one cohesive play area. The board will continue discussing the logistics and feasibility of the proposed options before determining the final plan.
- **Charter bus trip for Twins game:** The board discussed the proposed charter bus trip to a Minnesota Twins game. The estimated cost would be \$65 per person for transportation. Discussion included whether the cost would be worthwhile for families, as attendees would still need to purchase game tickets and food separately. The board will continue to evaluate interest and feasibility of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Preliminary Budget Preparation:** Discussion regarding the preliminary budget was tabled until next month's meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Newport park name
- Walking path
- Clarifying Roles and Responsibilities: Park Board Members and Parks Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rescheduling Donut Ball: June TBA



ADJOURN

- 7:34 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