KINDRED PARK BOARD MINUTES
September 9th, 2026 6:30 pm
Location: Kindred City Hall

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:31 by President Kevin Mehrer
Present Members: President Kevin Mehrer, Lloyd Hoffarth, Kevin Mehrer, Kerri Whipple, Accountant AnnDee Erickson, & Parks Director Mike Brown
Absent Attendees: Justine Gibbon & Patrick Bergh

The Board held a public Budget Hearing meeting. No Citizens attended, and the Board closed the hearing.

APPROVE MINUTES for August 12th, 2026

- President Mehrer asked the board to review the August 12th Meeting Minutes. Kerri Whipple made a motion to approve the minutes. Lloyd Hoffarth 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No comments were received.

FINANCE REPORT

- **ND Sales and Use Tax Report Due**
- **Finance Report:** The board also reviewed the finance report and approved payment of the monthly bills. Kerri Whipple made the motion, and Lloyd Hoffarth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Final Budget Presentation:** The Board held discussions on updates to the 2027 Budget. The Board agreed some small changes needed to be made. Whipple made a motion to pass the 2027 budget with the discussed changed, Hoffarth 2nd the motion, Motion Passed Unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Revenue Reports:** The board reviewed revenue reports from softball and pool concessions. See financial reports for additional information.
- **Color Run:** The board discussed the Color Run and reviewed handouts with additional information, including updated pricing. The board also discussed the possibility of partnering with the PTO to host the event in the spring.
- **Ice Rink Pricing:** The board discussed pricing and options for an ice rink. Fat Man Trash has an ice rink available, and the board will look into the option further.
- **Softball Batting Cage Installation:** The board received an update on the softball batting cage project. Parks Director Mike Brown is working with Kyle Beckstead at Park and Play on the batting cages and with Dakota Fence on the project. The scoreboard removal and installation is being coordinated with Michael Gullickson at Volar Contracting and will depend on the KBA schedule. The Parks Department will dispose of the existing scoreboard once it is removed. The backstop, which was ordered in November 2025, arrived on September 10, 2026. This is the final purchase the Park District has through BSN.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Procedure for Parks Director Spending Allowance:** Kerri Whipple provided an update on proposed wording regarding procedures for managing unexpected purchases. The board voted to table the discussion until next month.

- **KYB/Gilbertson Fields: schedule and water bill:** Parks Director Mike Brown reported that he is continuing to work with Kindred Youth Baseball to establish a watering schedule and agreement regarding water costs for the Gilbertson fields.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Final Budget Presentation:** See Finance Report above for discussion and approval of the 2027 budget.

- **Restricted Pool Funds:** Kevin Mehrer asked the board to consider placing the restricted pool improvement funds into a certificate of deposit (CD) now that the summer pool season has ended. Kerri Whipple made a motion to move $10,000 of the restricted funds into a six-month CD. Lloyd Hoffarth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Walking Path Update:** Lloyd Hoffarth provided an update on the walking path grant. The grant application has been submitted, but due to delays in the review process, the current status is still unknown. The project is currently in Phase 4 of 4.

- **80/20 Trails Grant:** Parks Director Mike Brown asked whether the Park District could budget for the 80/20 Trails Grant. The grant provides funding ranging from $30,000 to $250,000 to support trails and grooming of paths throughout Kindred, with an 80/20 funding structure. Brown plans to attend grant sessions at the upcoming NDRPA Conference to learn more about the program and application process.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Board Member Reports:** Kevin Mehrer reported that he received a quote from RDO for a new mower and will forward the information to Parks Director Mike Brown for review. Mehrer also reported receiving an email forwarded by Lydia Ronningen from the RDO Foundation requesting an update on the funds donated toward the new City Park. Mike Brown will follow up regarding the request. The board also briefly discussed the Gilbertson Parking Lot, Linden Lot, and the new KYB field. No new updates were reported regarding the new KYB field.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5th & 6th Youth Football - August-October
- 3rd Flag Football - August 31-October 14
- Color Run - TBA

ADJOURN

Elected Position – Park Board Member	Officers	Portfolio	4-Year Term End Date
Kevin Mehrer	President	Fundraising/ Finance	June 2028
Lloyd Hoffarth	Treasurer	Projects Coordination	June 2030
Kerri Whipple	At – Large	Community Engagement & Volunteerism	June 2030
Justine Gibbon	Secretary	Recreation Programming & Events	June 2028
Patrick Bergh	Vice President	Grounds and Maintenance	June 2030