Park and Recreation Commission

John Bittmann, Chairman
Ronald Sill
Bruce Sill
Heather Beauton
Jose Rivera (BOAT)
vacant
vacant

Minutes

(meeting recorded)

Monthly meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025 – held at City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

By roll call, members present: John Bittmann, Bruce Sill, Ronald Sill and Jose Rivera (ZOOM). Heather Beauton was excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Athletic Director Jenn Moffat was excused.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Without objection the approval of minutes was tabled and the agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of August 11, 2025 minutes was tabled.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one spoke and without objection the public portion was closed.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mr. O'Connell reviewed his monthly report.

Parks and Recreation Update and Report – September 8, 2025

- The Fall schedule is robust. Our facilities will be happening all the way through November.
- The Derby Recreation schedule this past weekend featured: 5 baseball games, 2 football games at Ryan Complex and 2 Adult Men's Soccer matches at Witek Park.
- Derby Pop Warner has 2 teams and has played two games to date.
- The pool at Derby Veteran's Community Center continues to have problems. Some progress was made this week and the expenses continue to grow.
- The goal for the Capital Plan is to complete the basketball court at Coon Hollow.
- **Recreation Receivables: $13,265.75 as of 9/7/25**.

Mr. O'Connell reviewed his report. He noted the very busy schedule of the fields and that it will continue until November. These numbers do not include the school's games.

Work on the pool continues with minimal progress.

Mr. O'Connell is working on the Capital Plan project at the basketball courts at Coon Hollow. The budget is expected to increase to $50,000 to complete the project. He continues to work with the Finance Director to finalize the request.

The Rugby team request from last month has not moved forward. They have chosen to go elsewhere.

At Witek Park, the irrigation system is now showing some issues due to age.

The summer program had good numbers. Without the playground they used the café and the gym. The days went well and the participation was dependent on the weather.

The red on the artificial turf field was showing troubles. Mr. O'Connell indicated that it is under warranty and they will be replacing it in the spring.

High School Athletic Director's Report:

Ms. Moffat was excused.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sill asked that he receive a schedule or a calendar of the field use so he will know who is playing on the fields.

The Naming Committee has yet to meet to discuss Mario Tessitore.

MOTION made by Ronald Sill and second by Bruce Sill. **MOVE** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.