

Recreation Commission

March 2, 2026

6:00PM

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Members Present: Curtis Shepard (alternate), Dina Cutting, Ashley Luurtsema, Kim Essensa, Judy Brotman, Luke Prince, and Recreation Director Steve Small.

Baseball commissioner: Kerri Gandin

Booster Board member: Kevin Isett

6:00PM the meeting opened.

Kerri Gandin review Cal Ripkin and other baseball issues.

Steve Small reviewed numbers and the proposed fees.

The proposed equipment was reviewed.

- 1) New temporary outfield fence. Up to \$600.00
- 2) Pitching machine - the Commission had previously voted not to purchase this item for safety reasons and we already own one. The new pitching machine is not part of the Recreation Commission equipment inventory.
- 3) Scoreboard - This item was reviewed and approved. Discussion about the advertising on it was briefly discussed. Having the boosters name on it is to show they purchased some of this item not to advertise for them. The Recreation Commission approved the acceptance of this scoreboard. It will be taken into the Recreation facilities responsibility to install and repair in the future. Concern was noted about the care of this and finding people to operate it and take care of the equipment when the games are over.
- 4) Uniforms will be purchased by the Boosters for the 2 Cal Ripken teams. Again, the Recreation Commission already own new (2-year-old) uniforms that have been hardly used. The donated uniforms will be stored by the Boosters. The commission approved the ordering of the CR uniforms.
- 5) Steve Small will move forward with the K through 2nd grade Farm & C-minor programs as usual.

Kevin Isett requested a discussion on his candidacy letter to become a Recreation Commission member. It was noted there were some questions and information the Commission asked Dina Cutting to gather.

Luke Prince shared an email he had received from Lynne Parshall. She noted in her letter her disappointment with the fundraising effort for the tennis courts as the pickleball group wanted to be involved and help with this process. They wish to be kept in the loop to make sure that the needs of their community are met by whatever is done. Luke will respond back to Lynne. This is in the early stages. We needed to raise some funds to get the engineering done. The reconstruction of the tennis courts will be a rebuild of what is there now. It is grandfathered and

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will not require the expensive and lengthy process of a wetlands permit. We will let Lynne know when the next discussion is coming up so she can come and find out more info.

At 7:20PM the Commission closed the meeting.

Next meeting is March 23, 2026.