



GRINNELL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026, AT 5:00 PM
IN THE DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARDROOM

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** Russ Crawford, Whitney Jensen, Lauren Gant, Ralph Eyber, Matt Moyer, Lee Staroska, and Jordan Allsup.
Absent: Lisa Lindley.
2. **Approve Agenda:** At 5:01pm Staroska made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Gant to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. July 13, 2026- Eyberg made the motion, second by Staroska, to approve July 13, 2026 meeting minutes. AYES: All. Motion carried.
4. **Committee Business:**
 - A. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2026-2027 fiscal year
 - Parks and Cemetery Vegetation- Merrill Park Pollinator Garden was cleaned up by Myla Kurk and is coming in nicely. Allsup reported the time he spent down there you can see pollinators active in the area. No action necessary.
 - Arbor Lake/Lake Nyanza- Allsup reported plans are at 60% with decisions on budget and bid timing are coming soon to progress towards the 90% milestone. No action necessary.
 - Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study- Allsup stated that the Steering Committee will meet for the first time on Thursday, August 13 for an introductory meeting to the project.
 - Merrill Park Green Space project- The remainder of the ballfield fence and dugouts were removed last week reported Allsup. The Iowa Athletic Field Company will begin the transformation of the ballfield into a multi-use greenspace by the end of the week if the weather allows. No action necessary.
 - B. Recreation — Allsup reported that the department is in full fall program swing with organizing your soccer and flag football leagues. The fall/winter program guide is off to design. No action necessary.
 - C. Aquatics — Allsup reported that admission is down compared to last year by a small margin at the aquatic center but expanded programming has really helped close the gap revenue wise. The Aquatic Center will close for the season after Sunday, August 23. No action necessary.

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- D. Request to expand Veterans Wall at Hazelwood Cemetery- The Board reviewed a request from the American Legion to expand the Veterans Wall at Hazelwood Cemetery. Gant made a motion to approve the expansion of the Veterans Wall to allow for the addition of more bricks, while expressing strong support for Option 2 as presented. Staroska seconded the motion. AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. Notes:

6. Inquiries:

- 7. Adjourn:** Moyer made the motion at 6:00pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Lindley. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director
Jordan Allsup