



GRINNELL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, AT 5:15 PM
BOARDROOM AT DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

MINUTES

1. Roll Call:

Russ Crawford, Whitney Jensen, Lauren Gant, Matt Moyer, Ralph Eyberg, Lee Staroska and Jordan Allsup.

Absent: Lisa Lindley.

2. Approve Agenda: At 5:15pm Moyer made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Staroska to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 9, 2026- Staroska made the motion, second by Moyer, to approve February 9th, 2026, meeting minutes. AYES: All. Motion carried.

4. Committee Business:

- A. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2025-2026 fiscal year
- Parks and Cemetery Vegetation – Eyberg- No update. No action necessary.
 - Arbor Lake/Lake Nyanza- Allsup – Allsup reported the budget for this project is being refined and have small meetings scheduled as we get closer to the 60% milestone for design. No action necessary.
 - Master Plan Implementation- The outfield fence is to come down at the Merrill Park ball diamond this spring as part of the Master Plan for Merrill Park to create more open space on the west end. No action necessary.
- B. Recreation- The Spring/Summer program guide is currently in design with anticipated release around April 1. Spring Soccer will be transitioning to the High School and numbers are steady from the fall with around 250 participants. Allsup reported that he and Crawford met recently with School Board members about the future of the GARC access. It was a positive meeting about the continuation to utilize the facility for the department's recreation program. No action necessary.
- C. Aquatics- Staff recruitment is well underway for the Aquatic Center with staff planning on hosting another Lifeguard certification course in May. Aquatic Center season passes are now available for purchase. No action necessary.

5. Notes:

6. Inquiries:

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- 7. Adjourn:** Eyberg made the motion at 5:53pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Staroska. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director
Jordan Allsup

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