Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Regular Meeting

Mary Merrill Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Headquarters - Board Room
Minneapolis, MN 55411
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~ Minutes ~
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - 5:02 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Olsen called the meeting to order.
Present:
President Tom Olsen
Vice President Kedar Deshpande
Commissioner District 6 Cathy Abene
Commissioner District 5 Kay Carvajal Moran
Commissioner District 1 Dan Engelhart
Commissioner At Large Meg Forney
Commissioner At Large Amber A. Frederick
Commissioner District 4 Jason Garcia
Commissioner District 2 Charles Rucker

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II.1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as amended add Resolution 2026-110

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Rucker, Charles

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III.2. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Garcia, Jason

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IV. CLOSED SESSION

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VI. REPORTS OF APPOINTEES TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES

VII. 5:30 p.m. OPEN TIME

VIII. Public Hearing

IX. CONSENT BUSINESS

IX.3. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO MCLAFFERTY CONTRACTING GROUP, LLC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF $1,495,085.22 FOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THEODORE WIRTH REGIONAL PARK, LOCATED WITHIN THE NORTH SERVICE AREA, BID EVENT MPLMN NO. 4074, PENDING APPROVAL BY CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES - PROCUREMENT DIVISION AND MINNEAPOLIS CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE USE OF A 10% CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY UP TO $149,508.52 FOR NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS THAT MAY ARISE WITH THE CONTRACT

Resolution 2026-116 was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under separate motion.

VOTING

Motion by: Abene, Cathy
Second by: Forney, Meg

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				

Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT C-44294 WITH THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS FOR 911/EMERGENCY SERVICES CALL-TAKING, DISPATCH, AND COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF $138,630 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, FOR A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $408,173.62

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Abene, Cathy

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH MINNESOTA STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MNIT) FOR INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES (CROWDSTRIKE) RELATED TO A DATA BREACH WHICH OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024 WITH TOTAL CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $86,460 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Abene, Cathy

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.A. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

IX.B. Planning Committee

IX.B.6. Motion to Amend RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE A PROCESS TO DECOMMISSION THE MINNEHAHA OFF-LEASH RECREATION AREA IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MINNEHAHA REGIONAL PARK LONG-TERM PLAN UPDATE

Motion to amend as included in the agenda background document and placed on file "Proposed Amendment to 6-17-26 Resolution 2026-114 Submitted by Commissioner Abene"

Motion to amend failed on a roll call vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Abene, Cathy
Second by: Rucker, Charles

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom		X			
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg		X			
Frederick, Amber A.		X			
Engelhart, Dan		X			
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason		X			
Carvajal Moran, Kay		X			
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.B.6.1. Motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of amending Resolution 2026-114

Motion to suspend the rules approved on a roll call vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Olsen, Tom
Second by: Garcia, Jason

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy			X		

IX.B.6.2. Motion to Amend RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE A PROCESS TO DECOMMISSION THE MINNEHAHA OFF-LEASH RECREATION AREA IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MINNEHAHA REGIONAL PARK LONG-TERM PLAN UPDATE

Motion to amend Resolution 2026-114 as follows: RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners directs development of a plan to decommission the existing off-leash recreation area at Minnehaha Regional Park in the Mni Owe Sni Traditional Cultural Place at the earliest practicable date, (Remove: but) (Insert: with) (Remove: not later than) (Insert: implementation to occur by no later than) December 31, 2026, with such plan for decommissioning being in place prior to establishment of a new long-term plan for Minnehaha Regional Park;

Motion to amend Resolution 2026-114 approved on a voice vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Forney, Meg

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy		X			

IX.B.6.3. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE A PROCESS TO DECOMMISSION THE MINNEHAHA OFF-LEASH RECREATION AREA IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MINNEHAHA REGIONAL PARK LONG-TERM PLAN UPDATE

Resolution 2026-114 approved as amended on a voice vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Engelhart, Dan

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy		X			

IX.C. Administration and Finance Committee

IX.C.7. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HENNEPIN COUNTY AND THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE MULTI-USE TRAIL ALONG GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF NORTH COMMONS PARK

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Abene, Cathy

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.C.8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FUNDRAISING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE FRIENDS OF THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN FOR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A COUNCIL RING GATHERING AREA AS PART OF THE ENTRANCE RENOVATION PROJECT AT ELOISE BUTLER WILDFLOWER GARDEN AND BIRD SANCTUARY WITHIN THEODORE WIRTH REGIONAL PARK

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Olsen, Tom

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.C.9. RESOLUTION DIRECTING CONSIDERATION OF FEE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PRACTICES WITHIN THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM DURING THE SCHEDULED FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PARK SYSTEM

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg

Second by: Carvajal Moran, Kay

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.C.10. RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PERFECT MIND DBA XPLOR TECHNOLOGIES FOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SERVICES WITH A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $409,100

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Abene, Cathy

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.D. Recreation Committee

IX.E. Operations and Environment Committee

IX.F. Legislative and Inter-Governmental Committee

X. Standards and Conduct Committee

XI. Employee Relations Committee

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII.11. Resolutions

XII.12. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS AND MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE CREATION OF A PARK AT THE NEW NICOLLET (FORMER KMART) SITE AT 10 AND 30 WEST LAKE STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Frederick, Amber A.

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

XII.13. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS AND GREEN CITIES ACCORD, AN AMENDED AND RESTATED DONATION AGREEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN EAST COMMONS ENHANCEMENTS (THE COMMONS) WITH GREEN CITIES ACCORD, AND TERMINATING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND A GROUND LEASE BETWEEN THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, ALL RELATED TO THE COMMONS, A PART OF THE MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SYSTEM

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Abene, Cathy

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay	X				
Abene, Cathy	X				

XII.14. Discussion Items

XII.15. 2027-2028 BUDGET - MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX LEVY

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XIV.16. President Olsen announced that he has appointed all nine Commissioners to serve as June 17, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee members.

XIV.17. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT FOR CLAY TENNIS COURTS AT 32ND AVE./46TH STREET WITHIN MINNEHAHA PARKWAY REGIONAL TRAIL

XIV.18. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT FOR NOKOMIS TENNIS COURTS

XIV.19. MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS 6-4-2026

XIV.20. The Time being 8:18pm President Olsen Recessed the Regular meeting for the purpose of convening the Planning Committee.

XIV.21. The Time being 8:38pm President Olsen Reconvened the Regular meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,