



PARKS & RECREATION

Lower Level Council Chambers
Monday, October 27, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Sarah Goldsmith at 6:01 P.M.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Sarah Goldsmith, Matt Ungs, Tim Kronlage, Eric Oberbroeckling

ABSENT

Jon Scherbring, Casey Frye

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Goldsmith asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Ungs.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Election** of Chairperson

Goldsmith asked for nominations for a chairperson. Matt Ungs was nominated by Jason Lang and seconded by Eric Oberbroeckling.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

2. **Election** of Vice Chairperson

Goldsmith asked for nominations for a vice chairperson. Jason Lang was nominated by Matt Ungs and seconded by Sarah Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried.

3. **Review** Meeting Process

The meeting process was presented by Sandy Oberbroeckling.

4. **Approve** Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2024

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

5. Receive & File Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2025

Motion made by Goldsmith to receive and file minutes from the January 22, 2025 meeting, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

6. Receive & File Director's Report - November 2024

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

7. Receive & File Director's Report - December 2024

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

8. Receive & File Director's Report - January 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

9. Receive & File Director's Report - February 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

10. Receive & File Director's Report - March 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

11. Receive & File Director's Report - April 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

12. Receive & File Director's Report - May 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

13. Receive & File Director's Report - June 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

14. Receive & File Director's Report - July 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

15. Receive & File Director's Report - August 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

16. Receive & File Director's Report - September 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

17. Prairie League Baseball Season/Tournament

Huehnergath thought the season went well. We had no double headers because we now have enough fields to accommodate the schedule. This also avoids setting time limits on the games. Teams were a good size to allow all the players to get ample playing time. The tournament went well. When Huehnergath met with the Prairie League Commission, they had a few issues with the schedule due to the towns giving the wrong number of teams. They also stated they will be changing the D Softball rules. They will no longer use a tee. They will be allowed 10 pitches or 3 strikes. They feel the kids will learn better by doing so. They will also change C Softball to modify pitch, which should give a better chance of throwing strikes.

A few things that need improvement are the misconduct from the fans towards the umpires. The hiring coaches really need to intervene early to avoid umpires from getting yelled at. We also need more precise rules. The rules are vague and can be interpreted different ways. An educational session for all the umpires would be a great help as well. Include in that training how to deal with aggressive behavior.

If the commission has suggestions for changes, they need to get them to Huehnergath so he can forward them to the Prairie League. Huehnergath will be sending out a survey to help get feedback on what the parents thought of the season. It was also recommended that Huehnergath schedule the umpires for the games and make a list of all the umpires, the age levels they will umpire and their contact information. Motion made by Lang to close discussion on this topic, seconded by Kronlage.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

18. Dyersville Soccer League

We had a slight increase in the number of players for the Co-Ed soccer league, having 489 players this year. The all girls league stayed flat, even with the additional age level. Our equipment was good this year. Huehnergath purchased new balls and pennies this year and items were returned. Refereeing was good, for the most part. We had one issue where a coach was yelling at a 12 year old referee. This was unacceptable. It was decided that referees for 1st/2nd grade are a must. Team sizes were pretty even. We should only have one coach and one assistant coach per team. Having multiple coaches stacks teams in a negative way. We need a hard cutoff for registration. This year we had many late sign-ups that continued up until the games started. The commission also wants to stop putting cousins on the same team. Team sizes were pretty good. 3 subs per team is usually a good number. We don't draft 1st/2nd grade so Huehnergath divides by age and sex and divides that way.

There has been some discussion that out of town teams are allowing their traveling teams to sign up as a team, not allowing other city players on that team. Sometimes these players that are not able to be on their city team will then go to Dyersville to just be able to get on a team. This makes it unfair for the City teams that are recreation teams. It was questioned whether we can get rosters from these other teams so players can only play on one team. We are unsure

how to police this activity to make it fair for everyone. Huehnergarth can speak with the towns that have a parks & recreation program, but towns like Farley that don't have a program make it more difficult to police. Motion made by Lang to close discussion on this topic, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

19. Flag Football

The 1st/2nd Grade Flag Football teams practice and then play their games. This seems to work well. They play 5 x 5 and have 6 players on a team. Rules need to be distributed next year. Lighting was great as it gets later in the season. Teams were picked late, which made it difficult to find coaches. 3rd/4th grade teams weren't as evenly divided. Overall, it went well. Motion made by Lang to close discussion on this topic, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

20. Track Meet

The popularity of the Track Meet has really exploded. The first year we had 49 entrants, then 83 entrants and last year we had 140 entrants. We were the 2nd largest meet in the state. By moving the meet to a Wednesday evening, it has really allowed more children to compete in this event. We do need to obtain more volunteers for this event. We did not have enough volunteers last time. The date for the next Track Meet will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026. We need to make sure we do not schedule baseball/softball games that night. The entrants for the track meet can be from ages 3 - 14 years of age. This year 22 children went to the State Meet and had one state champion. Motion made by Goldsmith to close discussion on this topic, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

21. Playground Equipment

A possible donor has reached out regarding the use of funds for an inclusive playground down at West Side Park. We need to get ideas going on what type of playground would benefit the most people. A few ideas have been enclosed in your packet. A smaller group of people seems to work best to gather the ideas together. The playground would be used often by the Xavier students since it would be so close to their school. Do we want to focus on a park for 5 - 12 yr olds or all ages? It would be nice to include a splash pad, bathrooms, a pavilion, and a walking trail with this concept. The inclusive playground set that Goldsmith priced last year would cost around \$1.2 million. Huehnergarth mentioned issues with installing a splash pad because it's in a flood way. This would need to be looked into. Many of the questions the commission had were whether or not we need a bidding process, how do donations work, etc. Motion made to table this topic until next meeting by Lang, seconded by Kronlage.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

22. Commission Member Comments

Goldsmith questioned where we were at with shade material for the baseball diamond. Mick Michel is working with Field of Dreams on this. Huehnergath stated that it's not in our budget at this time. The next purchase he is looking at is a new batting cage.

23. Set Next Meeting Date for Wednesday, November 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. on a motion made by Lang, seconded by Oberbroeckling.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried



Sandy Oberbroeckling

October 27, 2025

Date