



Gladstone Big Pavilion
August 4, 2026
6:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Cathy Sjoquist called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Wendy Taavola called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Gary Stevenson
Anne Pfothhauer
Bob Bosk
John DeFiore
Cathy Sjoquist
Kristyn Madalinski

ABSENT

Roger Aho

STAFF PRESENT

Wendy Taavola
Robert Brown
Rob Spreitzer
Patricia West
Ginger Willemssen

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the board during public comment:

- Kathy Syverson, resident of Gladstone, read several letters from anonymous campers at the campground regarding the condition of the campground. Ms. Syverson also spoke about the new reservation policy and the impact it has on seasonal campground residents.
- Simmi Mosier, resident of Green Bay, WI, commented on the impact the new reservation policy and the tent site fees have had on her.
- Kristine Kolbus, resident of Munising, MI, commented on her previous year stays.
- Steve Harrington, a Bradenton, FL resident, spoke regarding the impact of the new reservation policy on him.
- Paul Parkkonen, resident of Ishpeming, MI, commented on the new reservation policy and the impact it has on him and other seasonal residents of the campground.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 06.02.2026 RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 06.02.2026 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, seconded by Pfothhauer. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

HARBOR PHASE II PROJECT UPDATE – COLEMAN ENGINEERING: Kelly Heidbrier, Project Manager from Coleman Engineering presented an update on the status of the Harbor Phase II project and grant process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Taavola provided information on the following:

- The 5-Year Recreation Plan is coming due in 2027.
- Summer concessions at the Sports Park and the plan going forward.

- Ski chalet siding project.
- Escanaba City Band participation in the Fourth of July parade.
- Financials from the 2025-26 ski season.

BOARD COMMENTS

John DeFiore made a recommendation to add the campground feedback to the September 8, 2026 agenda.

Bob Bosk made comments regarding the following:

- Pickleball Courts
- Sports Park non-motorized trail opening
- Bay de Noc Trail cleanup project
- Traffic during ballgames
- Harbor repairs
- Pram rentals
- Messages from the Civic Rec program
- Sports Park signage
- Boardwalk
- Sports Park winter closing
- Poison ivy mitigation

Cathy Sjoquist made comments on the following:

- Advertising city rentals
- Return to monthly meetings
- Request of board members to adopt park areas

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Pfotenhauer motioned; seconded by Madalinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm.