



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2026**

Meeting Location

Hardin Park – 141 Glenmoor Lane, Long Lake

Present: Chair: Erika Leachman; Secretary: Mark Preissing; Members: Donny Chillstrom and Kelly Grady; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 pm by Chair Leachman.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Grady, seconded by Preissing, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Regular Business

a. Approve Minutes of May 18, 2026 Park Board Meeting

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Grady, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting. Ayes: all.

b. and c. Overview of Hardin Park Facilities / Updates on Potential Park Improvements - Grant Application for Hardin Park Tennis Court Resurfacing, Dexter Dog Park Concept

Overall the Hardin Park facilities were observed by the Board to be well maintained. It was noted that the play set has a broken swing that needs replacement. Future replacement of playground structure and the need for resurfacing of the park's tennis courts was discussed. A Hennepin County Youth Sports grant application has been submitted for consideration to fund the tennis court project. Moeller reviewed the background and subsequent City Council discussions that took place regarding establishing a dog park in Dexter Park, and informed the Board that the idea would be revisited at a later date. Board members emphasized the need for the Board to be involved if the dog park idea is to be considered again.

d. Post-Event Debrief Discussion - May 30 Bonfire on the Beach

The May 30 Bonfire on the Beach was a positive community event at Nelson Lakeside Park that was well attended and took place with few issues. It was a successful event that Park Board members agreed should be held again.

e. Establish Date for Holiday Tree Lighting Event in Holbrook Park

After considering dates already set for other holiday events including the Orono Tree Lighting and the Shoreline Fire Auxiliary's holiday food and toy drive, the Board established a date of Friday, December 4 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm for Long Lake's Holiday Tree Lighting.

f. Consider Interest in Planning a Late Summer/Early Fall Event

At this point in the year, the Board opted to focus on planning for the Holiday Tree Lighting event.

g. Establish Next Park Board Meeting Date / Time / Location

The Board agreed to next meet on Monday, September 14 at 4:30 pm in Holbrook Park

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjourn

Hearing no objection, Chair Leachman adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Preissing, Park Board Secretary