

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Prague Park Board**  
**Tuesday, February 10th, 2026**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at City Hall at 6:00 PM by Chair Joe Barten.

Members present: Christine Wolf, Brian Paulson, Joe Barten, Shannon Sticha, and Jessica Dohm.

Members absent: Maggie Bass and Matt Becka.

Staff present: Community Development Director Ken Ondich and Planner Evan Gariepy.

**2. Public Forum**

No comments were given.

**3. Approval of Regular Agenda**

A motion was made by Dohm, seconded by Sticha, to approve the regular agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

**4. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

**a. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Barten, seconded by Wolf, to approve the January 13th, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

**5. Review Financial Reports**

Ondich presented the note from the Finance Director Robin Pikal, and stated that no new changes had occurred in the last month. There were no new financial reports to approve.

**6. Memorial Park Batting Cages**

Gariepy presented the proposed donation of batting cages for Memorial Park, and the proposed location that had been discussed with the Public Works Director Matt Rynda.

Barten questioned if the batting cages are necessary, and asked about other potential locations. He asked if they could remove trees northwest of the proposed location to move the batting cages. Staff indicated that Matt Rynda will have more answers regarding the placement, and that he should be present in March to answer questions.

**7. Tree City USA and Arbor Day Celebration**

Gariepy presented the draft sign-up form for the tree giveaway.

Wolf inquired how people would know if a specific species of tree runs out, and Gariepy stated he will track it. Paulson stated that he wishes that people outside of the City could be a part of the giveaway. Barten suggested advertising the Scott SWCD on outreach. The Park Board indicated support for the draft of the application, and inquired when outreach would begin. Gariepy stated it will go out when it is ready.

Dohm inquired if the coloring or essay contest for students was still happening, and Gariepy stated that the schools were not interested.

## **8. POPS Programming Discussion**

Ondich presented the draft RFP for POPS programming.

Dohm asked if the City could take a cut of any concessions or ticket sales. Paulson stated he didn't support taking a cut. Ondich stated that the City does not take a cut from concessions sold at the Memorial Park ballfields, but when they were very profitable, they put some of the money back into the park for improvements. Dohm suggested having that in the RFP to encourage reinvesting in POPS.

Barten provided suggestions and improvements to the draft RFP, including having a set duration for the contract, specific deliverables, and requiring references.

Staff indicated they would bring back the RFP to the March Park Board meeting with the suggested changes incorporated.

## **9. Large Assembly Permit: Easter Egg Hunt – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Gariepy presented the large assembly permit from Bring the Lights Electric, LLC.

A motion was made by Dohm, seconded by Paulson, to recommend approval of the large assembly permit for Bring the Lights Electric, LLC, for Southside Park on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Motions passed (5-0).

## **10. Miscellaneous**

- a. Stezky Městy (City Trails) Discussion** – Ondich presented the update regarding the City Trails project. Dohm stated that Mr. Ruzicka had reached out to her to clarify his age after the Park Board asked about it.
- b. 2026 Budget Projects** – Ondich presented the budget project updates. Barten suggested Clean Water Funds Project and Practices for funding for the stormwater pond at the City Center. Barten asked how much input the Park Board can have

on the City Center site and Master Planning Documents. Ondich stated that it would come back to the Park Board before it goes out for proposals.

- c. **Park Plan Update** – Ondich stated that Staff is continuing to work on background information for the Park Plan.
- d. **Sliding Hill Skating Park Warming House and Skating Rink Count** – Gariepy stated that information will be provided at the March meeting. Dohm asked how late the lights stay on, and Ondich stated that the park closes at 11:00pm. Barten asked about snow removal on the skating rinks, and Ondich stated that recreational facilities are plowed after sidewalks and trails. Barten stated that the rink attendant when he was present did not shovel and asked if that is a part of their job.
- e. **Miscellaneous** – Wolf asked about the park naming policy regarding the City Center site. Ondich stated that he will present it at the March meeting.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm by order of Chair Barten.

Respectfully Submitted,



Evan C. Gariepy  
Planner