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MINUTES
YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, March 16, 2026, 5:30PM, in the Conference Room
Parks Office Building, 1900 Ferdig Street

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Roll Call:

Present: Cody Kneifl, Sam Hummel, Zach Hoover, Tom Bixler, and City Commissioner Brian Hunhoff.

Absent: Jeannine Economy List and Bruce Barnes.

Also present Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Larson, and Parks Office Manager Chasity McHenry.

Public Appearances: None.

Minutes: November 17, 2025 minutes approved. Kneifl motioned. Hoover second. Motion passed 5-0.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Review:** Please note that 2026 is the only year with confirmed budget values. All out-year projections are placeholders intended to identify potential future needs and priorities.

Parks – 2026 Capital Priorities: Direction is to proceed with necessary equipment purchases in 2026.

- **Lawn Movers** - \$35,000 (Account 201.201.4250)
- **Play Equipment** - \$100,000 (Account 201.201.4350)
 - *Fox Run Park*
 - Submit application for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant (deadline: April 30, 2026)
 - Proposed improvements include sidewalks connecting the shelter, play area, and basketball court
 - *Morgen Park*
 - Install plastic borders for the play area
 - Plan for a future open-air shelter (to be funded through playground equipment allocations)



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Riverside Park

- **Trail Replacement (Asphalt to Concrete)** - \$50,000 (Account 503.544.4390)
- **Capitol Building Exterior Rehabilitation** - \$40,000 (Account 503.544.4390)
 - Public fundraising campaign to support exterior improvements
 - Yankton Sertoma Club has pledged \$20,000 toward the project

Additional Parks Improvements

- **Sidewalks** - \$11,000 (Account 503.548.4322)
- **Bleachers** - \$30,000 (Account 503.549.4363)

Huether Family Aquatics Center (HFAC)

- **Vacuum System** - \$20,000 (Account 202.202.4350)

Cemetery

- **Mowers** - \$15,000 (Account 206.206.4350)

Summit Activities Center (SAC)

- **Miscellaneous Repairs** - \$20,000 (Account 506.571.4350)
 - Majority of fluorescent lighting in the aquatics area has been replaced with LED fixtures
 - Remaining fixtures will be replaced once the pool is drained at the end of March
- **Upstairs Weight Area Flooring** - \$50,000 (Account 506.571.4350)
 - Plan to install carpet tiles (weight/cardio area only) using City staff in March – April
 - Estimated project cost: \$17,000
 - Cost to be shared 50/50 between the City and School District

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. General discussion items.

- Marne Creek trail and non-housed individuals camping in areas along the trail. This past summer did not have any issues.
- Utilizing in-mates from the Federal Prison Camp. Make sure they are vetted and don't pose a risk to citizens, park users, and trail users.
- Commission information Memorandums (CIMs) for previous months.
- Other completed work projects for the department are noted in the CIMs.
- Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026.

V. ADJOURN

Bixler motioned, Hunhoff second. Motion carried 5-0.