
Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday May 21, 2025
5:30pm at Juneau Community Center
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer White, Wendy Jo Smedema, and Jane Fude

Members Absent: Kara Erstad

Also Present: Mayor Dan Wegener and Recreation Director Hunter Karnitz

1. This meeting was called to order at 5:58pm and roll call was taken.
2. Smedema motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Fude. Motion carried.
3. White motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on March 10th, 2025, and was seconded by Fude. Motion carried.
4. Public appearances and citizen comments: NONE
5. Discussion of adding a shed to the Wild Goose Soccer Fields
 - a. Recreation Director Karnitz started the discussion about looking into adding a shed out in the Wild Goose Park soccer area for storage of soccer equipment and other Parks and Recreation equipment if needed. White, Smedema, Fude and Wegener all gave input and ideas on contractors, where to purchase the shed from, and the process on permits and inspections.
 - b. Mayor Wegener mentioned the idea of a shed with a window for concessions as a way to improve the field amenities and increase revenue for the soccer program.
6. Discussion on hiring of Summer Help
 - a. Recreation Director Karnitz mentioned that there was money in the budget for Summer Help and that next meeting he will bring job descriptions, pay rates, and job postings for the Committee for approval.
7. Recreation Director Report
 - a. Recreation Director Karnitz gave a summary of his first month with the City of Juneau and discussed what programs are set up and plans for future programs. T-Ball starts on June 12th, there are 18 registrants so far. Members of the Committee gave ideas of past programs they saw as being successful and from what they have heard from the community.
8. Old Business: NONE

9. New Business:
 - a. Smedema asked about the condition of Wild Goose Park and what the status of field and equipment condition. Karnitz gave an overview of the cleanup efforts from Saturday, May 17, 2025 of the soccer community volunteers helping to get the park cleared. There were over 60 volunteers between the hours of 9a-1pm who assisted in cutting down fallen trees, moving logs/brush, picking up debris, and hauling items to the compost site. "Thank You" letters were sent to all volunteers who put their address down on their waiver form. Fude, White, Smedema and Mayor Wegener all expressed their gratitude to the volunteers for helping clear Wild Goose Park.

10. Smedema motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by White. Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Juneau Community Center

Minutes Reported by:
Hunter Karnitz