
Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday June 18, 2025
5:30pm at Juneau Community Center
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer White, Wendy Jo Smedema, Kara Erstad, Jessica Nehls-Rennhack, and Jane Fude

Also Present: Mayor Dan Wegener and Recreation Director Hunter Karnitz

1. This meeting was called to order at 5:32pm and roll call was taken.
2. Fude motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Erstad. Ayes: Smedema, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude, Erstad. Motion carried.
3. Smedema motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Fude. Ayes: Erstad, Smedema, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude. Motion carried.
4. Public appearances and citizen comments: NONE
5. Discussion and possible action regarding adding a shed to the Wild Goose Soccer Fields for goal, flag, and other Parks & Rec storage
 - a. Hunter Karnitz brought two options for storage sheds that were from online searches. Mayor Wegener mentioned he is still in contact with Modern Woodsman regarding a donation of \$10,000. Fude motioned to approve the purchase of the shed contingent on the donation from Modern Woodsman, seconded by White. Ayes: Erstad, Smedema, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude, White.
6. Discussion on sport coaching reimbursement/credit for future programs
 - a. Hunter Karnitz brought a draft policy and discussed putting forth the reimbursement policy for all head coaches for youth sports programs to have consistency and incentive for parents to help coach. The reimbursement is 50% of the registration cost credited back to their recreation software (TeamSideline) account to be used for future programs. Fude motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Smedema. Ayes: White, Erstad, Nehls-Rennhack, White, Fude.
7. Discussion on Recreation sponsorship opportunities
 - a. Hunter Karnitz wanted to bring some sponsorship ideas to the board and discussed prices and what the sponsor would receive for their donation. White mentioned looking into the prices of banners to make sure the pricing of sponsorship made sense for the price of the sponsorship. It was also discussed to maybe tailor them more towards the sports seasons so that the banners can

be up for that entire season or the entire year. Motioned to approve the sponsorship plan by Fude, seconded by Erstad. Ayes: White, Smedema, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude, Erstad.

8. Wild Goose Park - Soccer Field Rearranging Discussion

- a. Hunter Karnitz brought a couple images to discuss rearranging the soccer fields at Wild Goose Park to allow the far north youth field to expand to a more suitable size for the age of the kids playing. All committee members agreed that it would be beneficial to do so. Motioned to approve rearranging fields by White, seconded by Smedema. Ayes: Fude, Erstad, Nehls-Rennhack, White, Smedema.

9. Recreation Director's Report

a. Drop-in Sports

- i. June 4th there were 23 kids that showed up for a free game of kickball. Only 4 kids showed up on June 17th for capture the flag. There was a vacation bible camp at St. John's at the same time so that may have been the reason some kids couldn't make it.

b. Summer/Fall Programs

- i. T-Ball had its first week last week, 21 kids are registered.
- ii. There is one Summer Rec Softball team coached by Michelle Biwer. They play 5 total games this summer vs Rubicon and Iron Ridge.
- iii. There will be Tennis Lessons starting in June for ages 5-11.
- iv. Adult Sand Volleyball registration is open. Games hopefully will start mid-July.
- v. Hunter is working on finalizing an Adult Softball League for late summer/fall.
- vi. There will be a Punt, Pass, & Kick competition in August for kids ages 5-13.

c. Fall Programs

- i. Planning to have youth Flag Football in the fall. A few committee members mentioned talking with the schools to see what they're offering and if any programs were cut for them so then Parks and Rec could try to offer those programs.
- ii. Adult Kickball league is planned for this fall, starting in September.

d. Events

- i. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5th from 6-8pm. The Rec Department is once again providing the dunk tank.

10. Old Business - NONE

11. New Business

- a. Hunter was asked to create and bring a Coaching and Parent Code of Conduct Policies

12. Smedema motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nehls-Rennhack. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Next meeting scheduled for July 16, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Juneau Community Center

Minutes Reported by:
Hunter Karnitz