
Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday July 16, 2025
5:30pm at Juneau Community Center
MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Jennifer White

Also Present: Mayor Dan Wegener and Recreation Director Hunter Karnitz

1. This meeting was called to order at 5:31pm and roll call was taken.
2. Smedema motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Erstad. Ayes: Smedema, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude, Erstad. Motion carried.
3. Nehls-Rennhack motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Erstad. Ayes: Erstad, Nehls-Rennhack, Smedema, Fude. Motion carried.
4. Public appearances and citizen comments: NONE
5. Discussion and possible action on the new Juneau Recreation Coaching Conduct Policy
 - a. Recreation Director Karnitz had created and brought three separate policies to be discussed and potentially approved by the Recreation Committee regarding coaching, parent, and player conduct for all Juneau Recreation programs.
 - b. A motion to approve the Coaching Conduct Policy was motioned by Smedema, seconded by Nehls-Rennhack. Ayes: Smedema, Erstad, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude.
6. Discussion and possible action on the new Juneau Recreation Parent Conduct Policy
 - a. The committee discussed the parent conduct policy and agreed that one additional add-on would be something along the lines of “no coaching from the bleachers”. A motion to approve the new Parent Conduct Policy with the added amendment was motioned by Nehls-Rennhack, seconded by Smedema. Ayes: Smedema, Erstad, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude.
7. Discussion and possible action on the new Juneau Recreation Player Conduct Policy
 - a. The committee agreed that the policy was sufficient. A motion to approve the new Player Conduct Policy was motioned by Erstad, seconded by Nehls-Rennhack. Ayes: Smedema, Erstad, Nehls-Rennhack, Fude. Motion Carried.
8. Recreation Director's Report
 - a. Google Survey

- i. Recreation Director Hunter Karnitz put a survey out on Facebook asking the community for their input regarding Juneau Recreation Programs. There were 46 responses to the survey. Karnitz listed program ideas that people had listed and shared that a big reason, 37%, to why people don't currently participate in Juneau Recreation programs is simply because it's not offered in Juneau. The three most popular program wants were youth baseball/softball, flag football, and youth basketball.
 - b. The recent vandalism at the City Park was discussed by Recreation Director Karnitz. The kids responsible were caught on camera and have been identified by the Juneau Police Department. The spray paint is cleaned up and all cost of labor and supplies was totaled to be sent and paid by the perpetrators.
- 9. Old Business
 - a. Recreation Director Karnitz had brought up the previous meeting's approval of a shed at the Wild Goose Park for soccer storage, but had just found out that the money in the capital account was set for redoing the tennis courts to be lined for pickleball. The only quote that was found from 2024 was to completely redo the entirety of the courts, with 3 options ranging from \$96,000 to \$197,000. He mentioned he will look into more realistic options for quotes and report back to the committee on what he finds.
 - b. Mayor Wegener discussed that he has not heard back from Modern Woodsman regarding their donation proposal for the Wild Goose Park shed. The rep from Modern Woodsman he was discussing with passed him on to another person there, but that is as far as it has gotten.
- 10. New Business - NONE
- 11. Nehls-Rennhack motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Erstad. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm

Next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Juneau Community Center

Minutes Reported by:
Hunter Karnitz