Park and Recreation Commission

John Bittmann, Chairman
Ronald Sill
Bruce Sill
Ashley Simon (BOAT)
vacant
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Minutes

(meeting recorded – ZOOM was not available)

Monthly meeting: Monday, July 13, 2026 – held at City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

By roll call, members present: John Bittmann, Bruce Sill, Ronald Sill and Ashley Simon (phone).

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Athletic Director Jenn Moffat was excused.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Without objection the agenda was accepted, as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Without objection the motion was tabled.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one spoke and without objection the public portion was closed.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mr. O'Connell reviewed his monthly report.

Parks and Recreation Update and Report – as of July 13 2026

- Derby Little League ages 13-18 continue to play games through July.
- We are two weeks through the summer camp playground program. The last day will be August 7th, 2026.
- The camp has encountered some serious challenges due to the city Food Service stoppage and the paving of the rear parking lot at Bradley School.
- Adjustments have been made by Superintendent Matt Conway and me without any additional interference or negative effects on the program.
- One adjustment would be re-location to Ryan Complex and Payden Fieldhouse if needed, which would take a couple of days.
- Recreation Receivables for the fiscal year (2025-2026) totaled: $75,444.00
- Recreation Receivables for 2026-2027 as of July 13, 2026 is: $5,834.00.

Mr. O'Connell reported that the food service stoppage did have impacts. He noted that the person that has been helping out for years with the food program is invaluable to the summer program. Her assistance is certainly recognized. With the changes, Mr. O'Connell will have to work with the new

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service to get the program back on track. He noted that there are 120 children registered but it is a per day count dependent on the weather.

High School programs are working out at Payden. Mr. O'Connell noted that the numbers for the school programs are down. He stated that things are changing significantly with children not showing interest in playing like they did years ago. All the towns seem to be seeing the numbers going down. Because Derby is so small, the difference is noticable. Mr. O'Connell noted that the City is drifting toward a travel program model.

High School Athletic Director's Report:

Ms. Moffat was excused.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Simon noted that her son does play in Derby and she has been going to the games. They are doing really good and the fields look great.

MOTION made by Ronald Sill and second by Bruce Sill. **MOVE** to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.

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