

**City of Wyoming
Recreation Commission
Recreation Center
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2025**

Members present: Howard Krueger, Chris Woodside, Alex Albers, Marty Skidmore, and Laura Lazaraton.

Staff members present: Rachel Leininger – Director of Recreation and Citizen Engagement

Others Present: Manny Brissie, Student Commission Volunteer

Citizen Participation: None.

Call to Order:

Ms. Leininger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve October 2024 minutes was made by Ms. Lazaraton and seconded by Mr. Woodside. All in favor.

Reports:

- Chairperson—none.
- City Council –Mr. Woodside reported that the bids for the road projects came in much lower than expected which will allow the city to complete work on even more roads. Mr. Woodside explained that doing bulk street work is a new way of tackling road maintenance, but that this will make needed repairs to many streets rather than only one street at a time. Mr. Woodside also said that the replacement of the turf field and other improvements to the fields will be considered, and that Rec Commission will be helping to identify those needs. Mr. Skidmore asked what other improvements would be considered as part of the project. Ms. Leininger stated that the replacement of the turf field and improvements to the playground area in front of the Rec Center are all being considered when looking at the project, such as how to modernize with shaded stands, new playground, enhanced gates/fences, trashcans, restroom, etc. Mr. Skidmore asked if the money for the project is currently in place. Ms. Leininger stated that the only money that is expected to be readily available this year is for the design phase of the project.
- Administration—Ms. Leininger reported that the city was currently working on the upcoming events for the summer and that residents should expect to see an increase in activity at Village Green. Ms. Leininger also stated that spring sports registration was open, and that summer camp registration would open on March 1 which includes online registration for camp for the first time ever. She also reported

that online registration for activities has been a success and that many people are utilizing the online platform.

- School – none.
- Greenways—Ms. Leininger reported that Greenways Committee had reviewed the plan for a bike park as was presented by Mr. Monohan at the last meeting. She stated Greenways was very favorable of the plan and that they would also like to see some connection across the creek from Oak Park to North Park Avenue, and that they really liked the idea of the trail connecting into the skate park and a bike park. Mr. Skidmore asked if the skate park would create an increase in the City's insurance. Ms. Leininger stated that any claims at the skate park would be covered under recreational immunity, but that the City has a very large policy that covers everything. Mr. Krueger stated that the bike park was designed in a special way so that it could exist next to the sealed garbage dump and that the skate park, playground and shelter were all constructed as part of a grant.

Business:

- Commission Member Responsibility Areas:
 - Youth Sports— none.
 - Adult Sports/Recreation & Senior Activities (Howard Krueger): Mr. Krueger reported that Adults 40 and Over basketball were going well but that when the school is closed the gym is not available. He also reported that they are going through the waitlist due to injuries or other commitments. Mr. Krueger also stated that Men's Softball registration is open with games beginning in mid-May, and that there will also be pickleball lessons at the Rec Center beginning in March.
 - Fitness, Programs, and Aquatics: none.
 - Facilities, Parks & Grounds (Alex): none. Ms. Leininger reported that work on the dog park would begin as soon as the weather allows. Ms. Leininger also reported that the parking lot adjacent to the dog park will be closed for construction equipment during this time.
 - Community and Special Events: Mr. Woodside announced that Gilligan's on the Green is now under new ownership and will be under the name of Gilligan's Brewery. He stated there are more details to come about the menu offerings, but that he sees this change as a positive one for the community.

Other:

- New Committee Chair Needed—Ms. Leininger announced that Recreation Commission is in search of a new Committee Chair.
- Committee Vacancies—Ms. Leininger announced that there are several vacancies on the Recreation Commission and encouraged members to have their neighbors apply.
- 2025 Rec Commission Projects—Ms. Leininger stated that as previously mentioned there will be more information coming out about the replacement of the turf and possible other improvements around the field.

Ms. Lazaraton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Krueger seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Leininger