



**\*PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD\***

**NAME:** PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

**DAY:** Monday **DATE:** April 13, 2026

**WHERE:** Gibson Room, Civic Center, 2 Park Dr, Great Falls, MT 59401

**TIME:** 4:00 pm

**CHAIRMAN:**

**AGENDA ITEM** **PRESENTED BY**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Old Business**

- USTA Recap
- Upcoming PMD No. 1 Projects Jessica Compton
- 2027 and 2028 Court Enhancements Jessica Compton

**New Business**

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board Handbook Jessica Compton/Sarah Griffin
- Ice Breaker Jessica Compton/Jim Sargent
- Summer Programming Staff
- Outdoor Pool Operations Jessica Compton
- Board Expectations Advisory Board Members

**Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements**

- a) Staff
- b) Board

**Call for Public Comment**

**NEXT MEETING:  
May 11, 2026**

**Park and Recreation Board Meeting Monday,  
March 9, 2026**

Members Present: Art Taft, DeeAnna Brady-Leader, Pat Carroll, Victoria Hunt, and Val Scheevel  
Staff Present: AJ Smovir, Jessica Compton, Sarah Griffin, Kevin Vining, Todd Seymanski and Bryan Lockerby  
Guest Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Board motioned to approve February 9, 2026 Advisory Board Minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.*

*Board motioned to approve February 23, 2026 Advisory Board Special Work Session Minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Commission Work Session Presentation
  - Jessica Compton presented the Commission Work Session PowerPoint.
  - The presentation included a year-end review of the Park and Recreation Department.
  - Presentation attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Park Board Guide
  - Staff are working on a Park and Recreation Advisory Board Handbook.
  - The handbook is expected to be ready for the April meeting.
- Veterans Memorial Lease
  - Board members were provided with copies of the Veterans Memorial Lease for their review and consideration.
  - Advisory Board members were briefed on the current terms and conditions of the leases and were asked to provide a recommendation regarding approval of the proposed lease.

*Board motioned to recommend approving the Veterans Memorial Lease to the City Commission. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.*

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Staff Reports
  - AJ Smovir – Trails
    - Staff continue to respond to questions regarding the Kings Bridge Project.
    - Staff are updating memorial pricing.

- Staff are researching new memorial options for the trail.
- A new memorial swinging bench (McLean) was installed.
- Staff prepared and submitted a \$15,000 AARP grant application for the Caboose Deck.
- Staff contacted the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Kings Bridge Project as part of grant requirements.
- The request for seasonal employment was processed.
- A \$300 donation was received for the trail.
- Jessica Compton – Director
  - Natural Disasters
    - Eagle Falls Golf Course sustained structural damage from earthquakes.
    - A minor leak was identified in the pool system at Aim High due to earthquakes.
    - Five trees were lost in the Boulevard District due to windstorms.
    - A large branch damaged a fence at ECWP due to a windstorm.
- The next Adopt-a-Park meeting will be held March 18 at 5:30 PM at Park and Recreation.
- The April Park Board meeting will be held at the Civic Center.
- Event updates were provided.

## **PARK BOARD**

- Pat Carroll requested bids (concrete and seating) documentation for the Centene Stadium.
  - Art stated that this information may be available under the Commission Work Sessions online.
- DeAnna Brady-Leader asked Kevin to identify the location of Portage Meadows on the map.
  - Kevin showed the Board where the area is located.
- Art Taft inquired whether staff are available at Aim High to assist members with using fitness equipment.
  - Staff confirmed that the “Trainer on the Spot” program is available, where a staff member works with members on equipment use or training.
- Victoria said that she noticed that last year there was a lifeguard shortage. What are we doing to prevent that?
  - Staff responded that, although this is a national issue, the new Aquatics Coordinator, Pat King, has hiring on track to avoid the shortages experienced in the past.
- Art requested that each board member consider the question, “What do we see as our Role for the Advisory Board?”
  - This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

Meeting called at 5:09 PM  
Next Meeting April 13, 2026