



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**February 10, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Derby Recreation Commission was held at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market Street, Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Chairman Eric Tauer called the meeting to order. Present were Board members Ken Boote, Brent Renberger and Rick Ruff. Also present were Chris Drum, Superintendent of Recreation, Darcie Parkhurst, Director of Facilities, Derek Smith, Director of Administration, Misti Gladman-Freerks, Assistant Director of Administration, Vanessa Rugg, Director of Programs, Dara Miranda, Director of Marketing, Alex Dinicola, Director of IT, and Caryn Hendry, Administrative Assistant. Guests included Brian Hill, Waters Edge, and Cody Friesen, Derby Informer.

Eric Tauer moved to strike the Executive Session from the agenda, Ken Boote seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Brent Renberger moved to approve the consent agenda, Rick Ruff seconded, motion carried 4-0.

The Superintendent's Report was reviewed. Chris Drum discussed staff planning and scheduling to minimize disruptions for guests during two major upcoming projects, the indoor pool deck resurfacing and the gym floor. Additionally, the Superintendent provided an update on ongoing collaboration with City of Derby staff to begin phase 2 of Decarsky Park. Early discussions have focused on future fee structures, necessary staffing, and management agreements.

The Staff Highlights were reviewed. Darcie Parkhurst praised the outdoor maintenance crew for their efforts in clearing snow during the recent winter storm and the indoor overnight maintenance crew for maintaining the facility's cleanliness, and also acknowledged the guest service staff for going above and beyond during the membership drive despite the increased traffic in the building. Darcie Parkhurst also gave the board an update on the painting job for the ducts, which was completed ahead of schedule and resulted in cost savings. Vanessa Rugg highlighted the extreme popularity of two of the four new Fitness Grounded Series, Still Water Sanctuary, and Elevated Harmony, and also mentioned a recent collaboration with the Knights of Columbus for a coat drive that produced 96 coats distributed to youth in USD 260, the Hygiene Pantry, OAC Afterschool, and Oakview in the Park. Derek Smith discussed the staff's work on summer employment recruitment, the tax distribution in January and the Facility Development line item reflected in recent accounting reports, and on-going meetings with programming staff to provide training on the updated budget forms.

Ken Boote moved to approve a \$20,000 contribution to the City of Derby for the first phase of installing five SaveStation AED units in High and Decarsky Parks provided that the City of Derby fund the remaining balance of \$11,387, Eric Tauer seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Rick Ruff moved to accept the credit card fee price adjustment from World Pay and to implement a review of prices every two years, Brent Renberger seconded, motion carried 3-1, Ken Boote opposed.

Dara Miranda highlighted the results of the winter annual membership promotion marketing campaign with the board.

Eric Tauer moved to authorize the Superintendent to finalize project specifications and the Contract for Construction with Waters Edge and direct Waters Edge to solicit bids to qualified contractors on behalf of the DRC for the indoor pool deck resurface project, Rick Ruff seconded, motion carried 4-0.

The board set a tentative meeting date of Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Derby Recreation Center to conduct an Executive Session for consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in an attorney client relationship to protect attorney client privilege and the public interest.

Eric Tauer moved to adjourn, Rick Ruff seconded, motion carried 4-0.