

**KENAI PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 05, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
CHAIR T. GRANT WISNIEWSKI, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on February 5, 2026, in the Kenai City Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Chair Wisniewski called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wisniewski led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

There were present:

Grant Wisniewski, Chair	Sharon Fischer
Autumn Carlson	Michael Bernard

A quorum was present.

Absent:

Marti Pepper

Also in attendance were:

Tyler Best, Parks and Recreation Director
Jenna Brown, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Bridget Grieme, City Council Liaison

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION:

Commissioner Bernard **MOVED** to reappoint Grant Wisniewski as Chair.

There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

MOTION:

Commissioner Bernard **MOVED** to appoint Sharon Fischer as Vice Chair.

There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

4. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Commissioner Fischer **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Bernard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

C. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maeve Spiegler addressed the Commission regarding concepts for fencing public gathering areas and developing an ADA-accessible inclusive playground with an adjacent community garden.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Commissioner Fischer **MOVED** to approve the December 04, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. Commissioner Bernard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

2. October 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Commissioner Fischer **MOVED** to approve the October 02, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. Commissioner Carlson **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion** - Recap 2025 Workplace Goals

Director Best gave a staff report from information provided in the packet.

Commission review the 2025 Workplan included:

- Tour parks and trails twice annually: partially completed.
- Conduct CIP work sessions twice annually: partially completed.
- Develop long-term goals: not completed.
- Develop a unique Fiscal Year 2026 work plan goal: not completed.

2. **Discussion** - Discuss 2026 Workplace Goals

Director Best gave a staff report from information provided in the packet.

Clarification was provided that the work plan template intended to guide the Commission in developing its annual workplan; work plan goals help staff structure meeting agendas; Commission responsibilities include reviewing and advising on items required by code; and Commission members were encouraged to bring community ideas forward through the Commission.

3. **Discussion** - Cigarette Litter

Director Best gave a staff report from information provided in the packet.

There was discussion in support of no smoking signage and closed trash receptacles for cigarette disposal.

G. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Director - Director Best reported on the following:

- Mid-month report updates.
- December conditions included cold temperatures and limited snowfall, preventing grooming of ski trails for most of the month.
- Reduced scheduling at the Multi-Purpose Facility during the holiday season.

- Recreation Center holiday hours.
 - Current sign-in data for the Recreation Center does not capture spectators or attendees associated with leagues and rentals.
 - Daubenspeck Pond seasonal shrinkage was due to winter conditions and equipment limitations.
 - A planned skate day at Daubenspeck Pond was postponed due to hazardous weather and public safety concerns; and early closures of multiple facilities were noted.
 - A community skate day was rescheduled for Friday the 13th, weather permitting.
 - Parks Master Plan update.
2. Commission Chair - No report.
 3. City Council Liaison - Council Member Grieme reported on recent actions of the City Council.

H. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maeve Spiegler addressed the Commission regarding the Old Town playground.

I. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION - March 5, 2026

J. COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners discussed concern about the lack of fencing at parks; the possibility of including people counting data and reports; and inquiring about finding an electronic way to capture facility use metrics.

K. ADJOURNMENT

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. November Mid-month report
2. December Mid-month report

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of February 05, 2026.



Logan Parks, Deputy City Clerk