

City of Excelsior
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

106 Center Street, Excelsior, MN 55331 – Entrance located on Center Street
6:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Wolfe called the June 9, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

Present: Vice Chair Wolfe, and Commissioners, Baker, Bolles, Radziej, and Schmidt
Absent: Chair Sobiech

Also present: Parks Manager Quinn

a. AGENDA APPROVAL

June 9, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Bolles moved, Baker seconded to approve the June 9, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) May 12, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Schmidt moved, Bolles seconded to approve the May 12, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

3. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Men's Garden Club initial proposal for garden statuary

Gary Birnbaum of the Excelsior Men's Garden Club presented to the Parks and Recreation (PNR) Commission proposing statuary installations in the garden spaces they maintain, which includes: The Port of Excelsior, Veteran's Memorial, and Arey Garden. The PNR Commission discussed the proposal and requested the Men's Garden Club present again at the July PNR meeting with a more detailed proposal.

(b) Oak woodland educational signage

Manager Quinn discussed the community desire for oak woodland education signage to inform park goers on the oak woodland restoration project in The Commons. The PNR Commission viewed examples and discussed the signage project. PNR discussed finding a location for the sign that will not be impacted by future changes to the area.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

(a) City Council and Park Project Updates – Sponsorship Policy Update

Manager Quinn discussed that the Sponsorship Policy was approved by City Council at the May 18th City Council meeting.

(b) Cinema in The Commons update (event dates: 8/15 & 8/29)

Manager Quinn discussed that Cinema in The Commons was discussed by City Council at the May 18th City Council Meeting and that City Council approved to fund the two events for this year. The PNR commission discussed the decision City Council made to fund Cinema in The Commons and to keep it a city event.

(c) Park Message Board update

Manager Quinn discussed the PNR message board recommendation that was approved by City Council at the June 1st City Council meeting. The PNR Commission discussed how to set guidelines and manage the message board content. The PNR Commission discussed adding message board content guidelines to the July agenda.

(d) Upcoming Events – Rotary Concerts 6/17 & 7/1. Mini Master Plan and Playground Design Community Engagement at 6/17 Rotary Concert. Art on the Lake 6/13-14. Firecracker Race 7/4, Fanfare for The Commons 7/7.

The PNR Commission discussed the upcoming events in June and July.

(e) May Financials

No Comments.

7. Miscellaneous/Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Radziej proposed putting out informational historic signs in The Commons leading up to the 4th of July. The Commission discussed and agreed with Commissioner Radziej's idea. Manager Quinn discussed bringing the idea for discussion at The Community for The Commons/City workgroup the following day.

Manager Quinn discussed an inquiry for a bench donation above the ballfield seating area. The Commission discussed bench donations and the desire to have them above the ballfield seating.

The PNR Commission discussed the challenges involved with The Minnehaha Steamboat logistics and launching.

8. Adjournment

Bolles moved, Baker seconded to adjourn the June 9, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:49PM. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Quinn, Parks Manager