

City of Excelsior
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sobiech called the March 11, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:19 P.M.

Present: Chair Sobiech, Vice Chair Wolfe, and Commissioners, Baker, and Radziej

Absent: Commissioners Anderson, Bolles, Schmidt

Also present: Parks Manager Quinn

a. AGENDA APPROVAL

March 11, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Wolfe moved, Baker seconded to approve the March 11, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda.

Motion carried 4/0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) February 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wolfe moved, Radziej seconded to approve the February 10, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried 4/0.

3. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Community Gardens – review proposed garden application changes

The Commission reviewed the application changes including a new tilling charge, the option for gardeners to participate in a workgroup, a refundable deposit, and the acknowledge of site remediation. The Commission discussed making two small additional changes to the application. The Commission discussed community garden challenges that a workgroup could address.

Baker moved, Radziej seconded to approve the Community Garden application changes be brought to council for consideration. Motion carried 4/0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. Communications and Reports

(a) City Council and Park Project Updates – Mini Master Plan and Playground, park maintenance projects

Chair Sobiech provided an overview of the mini master plan design project. Manager Quinn provided an update on the first mini master plan project advisory committee meeting with Bolton and Menk. The Commission discussed community engagement event possibilities for late April/early May.

(b) Upcoming Events – Luck of the Lake (3/21)

The Commission discussed Luck of the Lake event details.

(c) Cinema in The Commons update

Chair Sobiech and Commissioner Radziej discussed potential sponsors for Cinema in The Commons and possibly expanding upon the event. Manager Quinn discussed creating a sponsorship draft guide for Cinema in The Commons. The Commission discussed various screen options for the event.

(d) Cemetery Committee update

Manager Quinn discussed Row 10's plan to conduct field work and research for the Oak Hill Cemetery national registration nomination and landscape treatment plan in late March or early April.

(e) Park Communication Board Update

Manager Quinn provided a potential location for the park communication board and an example of what a communication board looks like. The Commission discussed what types of information the communication board would post, including a map. The Commission discussed developing a policy around postings on the board and what would and wouldn't be acceptable.

(f) Arbor Day Update

Manager Quinn discussed holding Arbor Day celebration on May 2nd from 10am-noon at the future City Hall location along with a back up date of May 9th.

(g) February Financials

The Commission discussed park financials and uses for the Park Capital Improvement fund. The Commission discussed potential Studer Park projects and improvements.

7. Miscellaneous/Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Radziej discussed the FanFare Orchestra event occurring on July 7th, 2026. The Commissions discussed the 4th of July and fireworks.

Manager Quinn discussed upcoming PNR items that will be brought to city council. Manager Quinn discussed inviting a representative from the Men's Garden Club to the April 14th PNR meeting. Manager Quinn discussed that a new quarterly City Newsletter is now on the City's website.

8. Adjournment

Baker moved, Wolf seconded to adjourn the March 11, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:55PM. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Quinn, Parks Manager