



**MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 04, 2026

6 p.m.

REMOTE

Approved: 05-06-26

- CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Members present:** Sharon Konopa, Jill VanBuren, Joyce Thompson Graham, Bill Stonerod, Nick Anderson, Gabrielle Roesch-McNally, Anna Roller
- Members absent:** None
- Staff present:** Kim Lyddane, Director; Tommy Reeder, Parks & Open Manager; Tyler Reece, Recreation Assistant; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator; Jay Scharpe, City Forester; Anne Catlin, Comprehensive Planning Manager; Liz Olmstead, Planner II
- Guest present:** None

**Business from the Public**

- 1) None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 6:02 p.m.  
February 4, 2026

**MOTION:** Konopa moved to adopt the minutes. VanBuren seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** 6:02 p.m.

- a. **Tree Survey Results**  
Olmstead and Catlin presented the tree survey results. Brief discussion followed  
Commissioners can send any additional comments to Sharpe or Catlin.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- a. None

**REPORTS AND UPDATES** 7:09 p.m.

- a. **Capital Projects**  
Lyddane reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet. Possible future projects include the plaster, lip and boiler at Cool Pool.
  - Reeder noted gravel contract for Deerfield Park renovation is in place, hopefully it will be completed by late spring. Brief discussion followed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- Reeder provided an update on Park Maintenance.
- New paddle boats have been delivered.
  - Restoration on the Waverly duck is in process.

- Staff completed large debris removal at Bowman Park.
- Street tree and park tree pruning is nearing completion.
- Ballfield preparation is coming up.

Lyddane provided an update on recreation programs.

- Staff working on redesigning the Waverly paddle boat rental program.
- Spring Active is out, with new layout.
- GAPS is in the process of taking bids for the Therapeutic Spa at ACP.
- GAPS notified the department that the Water Safety Awareness program will not be continued this year. Lyddane is reviewing the impact that will create.
- Albany Parks & Recreation Foundation is holding compost sale on April 11, 2026.
- Fundraising for the Waverly duck is process through the Albany Parks & Recreation Foundation and Sybaris for a fundraising dinner.
- District swimming meets will be taking place at ACP next week.
- Recruitment for summer staff is taking place.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

7:25 p.m.

Lyddane noted one of the volunteers for the Adopt a Park Graffiti Chasers program is retiring. Chuck Poirier contributed many hours covering up graffiti and the team at Parks & Recreation are grateful to him. He will be missed.

Stoneroad requested the commission members be notified of tree removals in case commissioners get questions from the public. Reeder will follow up with Sharpe, the City Forester.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Signature on file

Debbie Little  
Administrative Services Coordinator

Kim Lyddane  
Parks & Recreation Director