

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Thursday, July 16, 2026; 4:30 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

June 2026 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Staff Report

July 2026 Staff Report

VII. Advisory Time

VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location

A. August 20, 2026 in City Hall Council Chambers at 4:30 pm

IX. Adjournment



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
June 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Dasso, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Powers, Schertz, Wittenmyer

Staff Present: Becca Niles, Troy Evans, Theresa Hauman, Amy Soliz

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 226 4th St, Davenport

Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQX1yXhURSY>

Meeting Video Timestamp	Agenda Item	Discussion
.03	<u>Call to Order:</u>	
1:08	<u>Meeting Minutes:</u>	Becca Niles-New minutes format, requesting feedback 4:07 Motion by Dasso to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes, 2 nd by Meyer. Motion Passes 7-0.
4:42	<u>Public with Comment:</u>	Duncombe Brooke- Discussion of goggle use policy during lap swim 8:02 Becca Niles- Educated on the updated city goggle policy, resolved 10:39 Duncombe Brooke- Broken lane markers and commitment of Becca Niles to look into this matter further
	<u>Old Business:</u>	None
11:23	<u>New Business:</u> A. July Park Tour	Park Tour destinations debate & feedback 20:44 Top 3 destination decision- Main Street Landing, an aquatic center, Northwest Park with addition to Green Acres and Slattery if time allows
21:09	<u>Reports</u>	Director's Report: Updated goggle policy- please see "Public with Comment"

27:37 Camp Vibe update

41:06 Riverfront Improvement Commission Report: Topics discussed- Policy on public art, Levee Inn renovation, recruitment of brewery for riverfront, August concert, quiet zone construction disruption at the Freight House, lease of Davenport Sailing Club, color of Main Street Landing Pedestrian Bridge, who is in charge of riverfront entertainment deliberation

101:51 Coiner- Kind words about Chad Dyson

Motion by Powers to adjourn, 2nd by Meyer. Motion passes 7-0.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 4:30PM | Council Chambers, City Hall, 226 W. 4th Street

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: Chad Dyson | 563-328-7275

Action / Date
7/16/2026

Subject:
July 2026 Staff Report

Recommendation:
Review Information

Background:

Attachments:

1. 07.2026 Staff Report

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

July 2026

Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

AmeriCorps

- Recruitment for the coming grant year has opened. First cohort is expected to begin in September.
- Registration for the new youth mental health corps program STRONG Minds has opened.

Customer Service & Outreach

- This is the time of year that outreach options outside of city events slows but typically picks back up in September.

Business Functions

- June 30 was the end of Fiscal Year '26. Staff have been working to get all reconciliation and reporting completed to support close out of the year.
- As of July 1, new funding for projects has opened and staff are working on project schedules to get those going. Aquatics centers and River's Edge are facilities that will see some infrastructure updates this year.

PARK OPERATIONS

Park Projects

- Staff completed the opening of Slattery Park Playground and the local have been enjoying the new space.
- The pickleball courts were completed and look fantastic. New nets were ordered and will be installed the week of July 6th.
- Green Acres playgrounds has been installed, the mulch has been delivered, and will be spread the week of July 6th.
- There was a ribbon cutting at Veteran's Memorial Park for phase III. Three new statues were installed, two brick memorials were installed, and a soldiers cross was installed to identify compass directions for the memorial brick location.
- Operations crews were not only busy preparing for the Veteran's opening, but for Red, White, and Boom. Cattle gates were placed

around the perimeter of LeClaire Park, the bandshell and seats were pressure washed, and various housekeeping was completed.

Horticulture

- The horticulture team has been busy with flowers and watering.
- The summer theme is in full swing and park visitors are enjoying the activities and prizes.
- With the hot temperatures weeds continue to grow and our team continues to remove them all 34 managed sites around town.

General Operations & Maintenance

- Operations continue to deal with vandalism and closings due to inoperable infrastructure. An update on each is as follows:
 - Emeis Restrooms:
 - Up and running!
 - Northwest Restrooms:
 - The water lines will be replaced with PVC now that Emeis is completed.
 - The urinals in the Men's room were smashed and are being replaced.
 - Dohse Splash & Play:
 - Dohse splash and play was vandalized about a month ago, we repaired the toilets but shortly after, the sinks were torn off the wall of both restrooms requiring the facilities to be closed again. Staff are installing new automatic timer locks and the sinks and supporting infrastructure are being replaced by Miller Plumbing.
- Operations is dealing with some issues at the splash parks.
 - Goose Creek Spray Pad:
 - This feature has a broken valve at the base of the splash pad which is now obsolete and cannot be replaced. We are looking at options for replacement and will request a budget item for FY 28.
 - Cork Hill Splash Pad
 - Cork hill is having a communications issue between the pedestal and the actuator valves. We have been turning this on manually until the pedestal can be repaired.
- We have brought on two additional seasonal custodians to help keep up with rising custodian needs around the parks including the new playground at Emeis.

- Aquatics Centers continue to limp along with mechanical issues due to aging infrastructure.

RECREATION

Events & Aquatics

- The annual YouthFest event welcomed over 750 hundred children and adults from across the region to visit with nearly 20 local agencies/organizations and city departments including the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Library, Parks and Recreation, Putnam Museum, Nahant Marsh, Community Health Center, Scott County Waste Commission, German American Heritage Center, and more. Lunches were provided through Davenport Community Schools. Attendees cooled off at a water and mister station courtesy of Iowa American Water. In addition to local organizations and cooling stations, attendees also enjoyed craft activities, a petting zoo, and bounce houses. It was a perfect day for the event to welcome new families and the 12 camps who attended. Thank you to Davenport AmeriCorps for their exceptional assistance.
- Staff have received a few wonderful comments from visitors and Learn to Swim families about our staff at the aquatic centers. Comments like how they are extremely well trained and how they speak to the children in ways they understand and “at their level”, how they are patient and understanding with the children who struggle to learn concepts in Learn to Swim, how they are kind and courteous but still enforce the rules expecting accountability of patrons, how they are fun, polite, professional, and do their job very well.
- As staff have had in the past, we are having some issues with our pools mechanically and chemically. But together aquatic staff and Parks Operations we have been able to maintain the pools well. Staff have been able to keep the pools open for most of the season, so far with limited closures.

Adaptive & Inclusive

- Unified Bowling continues Friday Nights through July 17th. We average 80 people aged 10+ each week at Leisure Lanes.
- Drop in Bean Bag league continues at Roosevelt each Wed Night for Special Olympic Athletes

- Special Olympics Softball continues Sat mornings at Lindsey Park. We will take 2 teams to districts on July 25th and if they advance, state will take place on August 1st.

Youth & Adult Sports

- The free Track and Field Program that is a partnership with Cornbelt Running Club, had over 300 participants week to week and ended July 1st with each participant receiving a medal.

Davenport Junior Theatre Performing Arts

- Performing Arts Summer Camps are all full and the feedback has been mostly positive, except for theatre parking and lack of good green space at the new location.
- Staff held their first ever Make-Up Class and that is going very well.
- Fall Class registration opened on July 1st.

The River's Edge

- Staff are planning and prioritizing projects for facility improvements for Fiscal Year 27.
- The heat and humidity have made the 2 sheets of ice a little challenging, but staff are working hard to keep it maintained.

Environmental Education – Nature & Garden

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GOLF OPERATIONS

General Golf Course Updates

- June Golf was met with several major rain events, but conditions have remained good throughout the severe weather.

Duck Creek Golf Course

- Duck Creek Golf recently completed additional concrete cart paths on #9 Tee, and #12 Tee areas that were prone to flooding and erosion.

Emeis Golf Course

- City Council approved plans to move forward with the Architecture and Engineering Planning for a large-scale renovation to the Emeis Golf Clubhouse, that could start this Fall.

Red Hawk Golf and Learning Center

- Recent repairs to the Air Conditioning system were completed in the middle of the late June 'heat wave'. Things are cooler now.

COMMUNICATION UPDATES

Community Events

Full event details can be found by visiting: <https://www.davenportiowa.com/familyfun>

- Teens Takeover | Fridays, 7/24, 8/7 | Fejervary Family Aquatic Center
- Itty Bitty Beach Party | Fridays, 7/24, 8/7 | Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center
- Family Fun Nights | Every 4th Friday, 7/24-10/22 | Fairmount Community Center
- Party in the Park & Try It Thursdays | Thursday, 7/16 | Lindsay Park

Community Outreach Events

Outreach opportunities for staff to be on hand to give out program and hiring information, play games with booth visitors, and hand out prizes for attendees.

- None during this period

Notable Dates

- None during this period