

City of Bayfield
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
Feb 23rd, 2026 @ 4:00 pm via Go to Meeting and at Bayfield City Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair Carrier at 4:01 pm
2. Roll Call:
 - o Members present: Havlik, Rovi, Monson, Nelson
 - o Members Absent:
 - o Others Present: Jacob Dickey (AISC)
 - o Recreation & Fitness Resources:
3. **Motion to** Approve Agenda: Monson/Nelson moved approval agenda. Carried
4. **Motion to** Approve Minutes from January 2026 Nelson/Monson moved approval of minutes. Carried
5. Public Input on Agenda Items:

Agenda

Permit Applications (if any): *

- Nelson/Monson Moved approval of Trek & Trail Special Event Permit for July 11, 2026. Carried
- Nelson/Monson moved approval of Gille Special Event Permit for October 15th, 2026. Carried

Standard Update Reports:

1. Playground Subcommittee Report & Planning Update(Hogan)
 - o Formation of Friends of East Dock Park (volunteer fundraising group with MOU with City).
 - Group enables access to grants/funding not available directly to the City.
 - o Website and fundraising materials launched.
 - o Clarification: Fire pit shown in master plan is allowed under City code (with operational considerations TBD).
2. Budget/Finance Report (if any) *
3. Round-robin reports from adopters & Public Works Director:
 - o Big Ravine Preserve/Iron Bridge (Havlik):
 - SEH contract approved; kickoff meeting completed.
 - Data collection underway.
 - Dual-Use Trail (Snowmobile + Pedestrian):
 - Early use is positive; increased visitation and tourism noted.
 - The trail is expected to close with thaw conditions (likely late March).
 - Long-term planning group to be formed; plan due to Council by September 2026.
 - o Cooper Hill Park (Monson):
 - o Dalrymple Campground (Carrier):
 - o East Dock Park (Subcommittee):
 - o Halvor Reiten Park: (Rovi)

- o Waterfront Walk (Jake’s Park, Memorial Park Annex, Turning Point Fountain): (Rovi)
- o Washington Ave. Lake Access (Nelson):
- o Other
- o Bayfield Area Trails (BATs) Report (Havlik):
 - Updated MOU approved by Council; formal resolution pending in March.

New Business:

Old Business:

1. Outdoor Recreation Plan Annual Review
 - a. Strong support to rename “Washington Ave Lake Access” → “Washington Ave Beach.”
 - i. Rationale: better reflects actual use and community identity.
 - ii. Nelson/Monson moved to change the name from Washington Ave Lake Access to Washington Ave Beach. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Agreement to incorporate:
 - i. Dual-use trail concept into plan/addendum.
 - ii. Future edits to be compiled and reviewed at the March meeting.
 - c. Soccer field use:
 - i. Interest in reactivation; additional language to be drafted.
2. 2026 Priorities

These discussion points will be incorporated into the 2026 Priorities Document

- Big Ravine Dual-Use Trail Long-Term Plan (high priority)
- Trail Network Expansion (e.g., Sweeney Loop)
 - o Continue coordination with Bayfield Area Trails
- Park Connectivity & Walkability Improvements
 - o Sidewalk maintenance
 - o Crosswalk improvements (notably Hwy 13 crossings)
- Washington Ave Beach Long Term Improvements:
 - o Parking + circulation planning
 - o Accessibility (ADA water access)
 - o Shoreline restoration
 - o Potential public fire pit installation

Next Meeting: March 30th, 4pm

Motion to adjourn: Chair Carrier adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm