

City of Bayfield  
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes  
April 27, 2026 4pm

1. Call to Order: 4:02pm
2. Election of Chair and Secretary:
  - a. **Motion to** nominate Matt Carrier for Committee Chair (Rovi/Fizell, carried)
  - b. **Motion to** nominate Laura Rovi for Committee Secretary (Fizell/Havlik, carried)
3. Roll Call:
  - a. Members present: Laura Rovi, Matt Carrier, Pete Havlik, Diane Fizell
  - b. Members absent: Kali Nelson
  - c. Others present: Grace Hogan, Jacob Dickie, Mary Dougherty, Mayor Lyn Cornelius
  - d. RFR: none
4. **Motion to** approve agenda (Havlik/Rovi, carried)
5. **Motion to** approve March 23rd minutes (Havlik/Rovi, carried)
6. Public Input on agenda items: Dougherty stated she is here to listen and learn about the Public Rights-of-Way policy. Dickie also had comments about the language of the Motorized Trail. Havlik suggested we think about a port-a-potty-type situation along the ravine trail.

Agenda

Permit Applications: none

Standard Update Reports:

1. Playground subcommittee (Hogan): Recent progress includes the grant updates (\$5000 from Apostle Island Preservation Conservancy, Book Across the Bay, TMobile Hometown grant in the works), team up with fiscal nonprofit CORE, launching eastdockpark.com, and the forming of Friends group. Upcoming: narrow down construction plan proposals (4 offers) and finalize chosen documents by the fall, Bayfield and Island mailer campaign this summer, video campaign in early June, fundraising event in July, more grant applications, 4 playground equipment companies on the radar, \$42k towards goal! Question: Is it possible to split Phase 1 into two subphases to make the grants more accessible?
2. Budget/Finance Report: none
3. Round-robin Reports:
  - a. Big Ravine/Iron Bridge Trail (Havlik): tons of trees down in the Big Wind Storm but BAT was on it and trails have been reopened. Sending thank you notes to the 4 chainsaw wielders. Switchbacks have been damaged and the school trail is remaining closed until a work day in May.
  - b. Cooper Hill (Hogan): Plaque on the picnic table is missing. Dickie says Public Works will hunt it down.
  - c. Dalrymple Campground (Dickie): Water comes on May 14 and it will be officially open.

- d. East Dock: above
- e. Havlor Reiten (Rovi): none
- f. Waterfront Walk (Rovi): goose poop but it's fine
- g. Washington Ave: Sandrake
- h. Other: none
- i. Bayfield Area Trails (Havlik): a lot of upcoming work, WISCORPS team coming

#### New Business

1. East Rim Trail Closure: The committee discussed the East Rim Trail Closure and the need to clarify the status of the prior informal access arrangements. Mayor Cornelius and Carrier are working to determine appropriate next steps.
2. Bayfield Area Trails Annual Report - for browsing, did not discuss
3. Parks Clean-Up Day: May 16th at 10am at East Dock, which is not good for many of us

#### Old Business

1. Non-Motorized Policy
2. Motorized Trail Policy: Mayor Cornielus expressed desire to have matching language, tone, and format in both policies, comes off a bit anti-snowmobile; snowmobiles vs atv/utv
3. Recreational Use of Undeveloped Public Rights-of-Way policy: Public Works supports it as drafted

Next Meeting: May 18th, 4pm

Adjourned