



PARKS, REC & NCC MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:45 PM

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Members of Parks, Rec & NCC

Pat Huntermark, Chair

Jim Barton

Pat McGaharan

Anthony Harmon, Recreation Director

Kevin Laughlin, City Administrator

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

TOPICS/ISSUES:

1) BLEACHERS

2) SUNDAY HOURS

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

November 6, 2025

City of Northwood Parks, Rec & NCC Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Northwood Parks, Rec & NCC was called to order by Chairman Huntermark at 06:15 PM on November 6, 2025 in the Council Chambers and via Live Stream.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Clerk Popovitch and those in attendance were as follows: Pat Huntermark, Mike Melnyk, Jim Barton, Pat McGaharan and Kevin Laughlin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Councilor Melnyk made a motion to **Approve**; seconded by Barton. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Huntermark, Melnyk, Barton; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

RESULT: *Passed (3-0)*

TOPICS/ISSUES

Grant for Baseball Helmets - Ophthalmological Society

Discussion was held regarding two potential grant opportunities identified by Anthony for the City's ball program. One grant would fund baseball helmets, and the other is through the Dick's Sporting Goods Community Outreach Program for additional equipment. Authorization is required to allow Anthony to apply for these grants.

A recommendation was made to forward authorization to City Council permitting Anthony to apply for the grants. **MOTION:** Pat Huntermark made a motion to **forward to council for approval**; seconded by Michael Melnyk. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Pat Huntermark, Jim Barton, Michael Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

Result: *Passed*

It was also noted that Anthony, who will be serving as the new Director, was present at the meeting.

Dicks Sporting Goods Community Outreach Program Grant

2026 Budget Hearing

The Capital Budget requests were reviewed and discussed. Itemized requests included:

New gym bleachers for the NCC in the amount of \$95,900. It was noted that the facility currently has no bleachers, which limits the ability to host events. The proposed bleachers would be telescoping, fold-up bleachers installed along one wall of the gym where chairs are currently placed.

Additional fitness equipment totaling \$19,997. This equipment would supplement existing equipment, based largely on member suggestions, and replace some older equipment transferred from the former AAA building. Equipment would be distributed throughout both levels of the fitness area.

Phase II parking lot paving in the amount of \$338,300, which would complete paving of the rear portion of the Community Center as included in the original plans.

Capital Replacement Fund – Brentwood Playground

Discussion was held regarding the planned replacement of the Brentwood Playground within the next two years. Due to the announcement of an inclusive playground project, the City is proposed to budget \$300,000 toward the project. Ohio Plays recommended a City contribution between \$250,000 and \$300,000, which would allow leveraging an additional approximately \$600,000 in funding and cover an estimated \$9–\$9.5 million in inclusive playground equipment. It was noted that a fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for January 31.

Community Center Usage and Membership Impact

Council members asked questions regarding whether new fitness equipment would replace or add to existing equipment and where it would be located. Staff confirmed the request is primarily for additional equipment and replacement of worn items.

Questions were also raised regarding the potential impact of installing bleachers on gym availability, including concerns about reduced member access, conflicts with existing programs such as pickleball, and the feasibility of hosting additional sports or community events. Staff noted the gym is currently fully scheduled, there is limited capacity to rent gym time without impacting members, and current operating hours end at 8:30 p.m. While bleachers could support future programming or events, staff acknowledged the need to balance community use with member access.

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Operating Budget

No additional questions or concerns were raised at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

6:25 PM

ATTEST: Emily Popovitch
Clerk

APPROVED: Pat Huntermark
Chair