

MINUTES
ST. ALBANS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
GREG BROWN LODGE, HARD'ACK RECREATION AREA, 264 HARD'ACK
5:30 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 09, 2025

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Board Members Present: Peggy Manahan, Chair; Joanie McGinn; Mike Zemianek; Shawn McElwain; Jenn Desorgher; Paul Snyder; Morrell Bunbury; Stina Booth; Matt Allen

Board Members Absent:

City Staff present: Kelly Viens, Recreation Director; Paul Olshan, Minute-Taker;

Members of the public present:

- 1. 5:30 Begin Meeting and Call to Order**
- 2. Move to Executive Session**
3. Public Comment:
 - No public comment.
4. Discussion & Questions on Director's Report
 - P. Manahan gave everyone some time to read the St. Albans Park & Recreation Director's Report. There was a conversation about the current movies showing at the Welden Theater. The Minecraft movie caused a surge of kids to buy movie tickets which helped the season. There was also a conversation about a new program for 60s movies, 4 for \$10.
 - There was a conversation about a few future movies that would be shown, especially films that are St. Albans or Vermont-specific.
 - There was a question as to how referees get certified for Lacrosse. K. Viens was unsure since the league is the one that certifies the referees.
 - The Commission asked K. Viens if they needed additional volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt. But K. Viens thought they would be fine, but would let them know if not.
 - The Commission discussed some contractor difficulties during the St. Patrick's Day Festivities.
 - K. Viens specified that the Run for Jim would be done on the trail at Hard'Ack.
5. Parks Check In
 - K. Viens brought up several trees in Taylor Park that needed to be cut down since

they were dead and dropping limbs. The Commission was not sure if the City put out a notice of the tree removal. The Commission would have appreciated some notice of this work beforehand so they could tell the community themselves.

- K. Viens described the new public toilets that would be built in the park and how they would be used. There was also a conversation about the new lights that would be set up in Taylor Park.
- The public reception of the new courts in Houghton Park have been very positive.
- There was a brief discussion about the dog park and how the fence was in need of repair due to a car hitting it. K. Viens would check with the Public Works Department and Dominic Cloud for updates on the new fence, since there are dogs that can get loose when the lawnmower pulls the temporary fence fixtures apart.

6. Other Business

- The Commission mentioned that their terms were expiring and needed to be renewed. K. Viens would double check with city staff to find out more details about renewing terms, especially if some members were renewed recently. Every member of the Commission was interested in renewing.
- The date for the next meeting was mentioned for 5:30 on May 12, 2025, at the Greg Brown Lodge. The Commission accepted this next date.

7. P. Snyder motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by S. McElwain. The motion passed with all in favor. No additional discussion.