

Crosslake Park, Recreation, and Library Commission Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Crosslake City Hall 9 a.m.

Present: Joe Albrecht, Mary Jo Fritsvold, David Rogers, Kera Porter, Park and Recreation Director, TJ Graumann, Heather Jones and Charlee Genz. Ann Schrupp attending via Zoom. Absent: Peter Graves and City Council liaison Mayor Jackson Purfeerst.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Heather Jones.

Heather welcomed our newly appointed member of this commission, Charlee Genz.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda Mary Jo/Charlee Favor: All Opposed: None

Approval of February Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026, meeting

Joe/Mary Jo Favor: All Opposed: None

Old Business:

Park Master Plan Phase 2A: The relocation of the softball field was discussed. We agreed that we should not over engineer the project. TJ suggested finding a contractor experienced in baseball fields and mentioned Anderson Brothers as an option. The emphasis of the commission was to request itemized breakdown of costs. TJ noted that his staff could do prep, pre-grading and mobilization of the area to save money. The cost of the softball field move will be included in the 2027 budget.

The discussion then focused on phasing the development, with plans to prioritize Phase 2A in 2026, including estimates for a warming house, hockey rink, and ball field, before seeking council approval and potential funding from PAL, donations, or grants for 2027 implementation.

After much discussion we all agreed that the Park Hub was a priority before the hockey rink. We discussed focusing on ADA compliant restrooms and amenities to allow rental of space for events and business use. We stressed being able to itemize the amenities from each level of the proposal to allow for fund raising and we agreed we should build for our long-term needs. We agreed we would like to have heating and cooling to allow use in all four seasons. Also add security cameras and an AED.

TJ proposed doing site visits in Brainerd/Baxter and Aiken to see their recent facility developments and gather insight from key personnel. Everyone agreed that was a great idea so TJ will schedule when our weather improves.

New Business:

Paul Bunyan trail connection: Motion to create a template resolution in support of the County Road 16 Paul Bunyan trail connection from Jenkins to Crosslake.

Joe/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None

Grant Opportunities: Motion to recommend applying for a Sourcewell Community Benefit Fund grant, up to \$30,000, that will focus on updating the Lions Shelter.

Discussion: new siding, new soffits, new sinks and wanes coating in the bathrooms, new lighting and electrical updates. Will approach PAL if cost exceeds \$30,000.

MaryJo/Charlee Favor: All Opposed: None

Other Business:

Updates:

City Council approved the Kasper construction bid for a cold storage building

City Council postponed the Robert Street No Parking signage proposal

Work continues with the Corp of Engineers on the CSAH 3 trail proposal

The official Kick Off of the Vulnerable User Plan will be next month

TJ noted that sign up for the baseball and T-ball programs is down. Charlee offered to post notices at Emily City Hall and on the Emily/Outing Facebook page

The summer reading program at the library is in the works.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. **Ann/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None**

Next Meeting: April 22, 2026 **Crosslake Community Center** at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Schrupp