



**CITY OF PORTAGE  
BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION**

Regular Board Minutes

February 24, 2026

5:30pm

**Andrew Maletta**

President

**Deborah Lee**

Vice President

**Steve Rosenbaum**

Secretary

**Debra Ekdahl**

Member

**Carla Warchus**

Member

A & B: Call to Order & Roll Call:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Parks & Recreation was called to order by Board President Maletta at 5:32 p.m. Board members Maletta, Rosenbaum, Warchus, Ekdahl and Lee were present. Also in attendance were Attorney Bartnicki, Council Liaison Giese-Hurst, Acting Superintendent Lusco, Events Director SeDoris and Stacy Govea.

C: Minutes:

Member Rosenbaum moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026, with a second by Member Lee. With no further discussion, Members Rosenbaum, Maletta, Warchus and Lee voted in the affirmative, Member Ekdahl abstained.

D: Financial Report:

No financial report was available as the Clerk's office has not closed 2025

E: Acting Park Superintendent:

Mayor Bonta addressed the recent resignation of Kelly Smith and the appointment of Barb Lusco as Acting Park Superintendent. Member Warchus moved to make Barb Lusco Acting Park Superintendent with a second by member Lee. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by roll call.

F: Vouchers:

Member Lee moved to approve the list of February 2026 vouchers totaling \$54,189.16, with a second by Member Warchus. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by roll call.

G: Contracts:

Member Lee moved to approve the February 2026 Register of Rental Contracts and the February 2026 Register of Personal Service Contracts, with a second by Member Rosenbaum. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

H: New Business:

1. Roof Quotes – Preschool: Acting Superintendent Lusco presented to board with four roofing quotes for the preschool building.

1. E.C. Babila: \$69,435.00 - TPO Roofing System
2. Gluth Brothers: \$47,265.00 – EPD Roofing System
3. Korellis Roofing: \$34,995 – TPO Roofing System
4. Ross Roofing: \$34,188 – EPDM Roofing System

Acting Superintendent Lusco recommended the board choose one of the EPDM options as it has a longer lifespan. Member Warchus made the motion to approve the quote from Ross Roofing for \$34,188, with a second by member Ekdahl. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by roll call.

I: Park Bond:

1. Game Plan Solution: Dave Uran gave an update on the Pickleball Shelter construction project. He informed the Board that grading and stormwater diversion are paramount and asked the board to access the unused funds allowed in Phases 1-3 for the grading and retention wall. Member Ekdahl made the motion to allow any remaining funds from

Phases 1 -3 be applied to the stormwater and grading project, with a second by member Rosenbaum. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by roll call.

J: Fees & Charges:

1. Fee Register: Member Lee moved to table the rental fee register, with a second by member Warchus. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by roll call.
2. Volleyball Tournament Winner: Member Warchus made a motion to approve the Volleyball Tournament Champion a \$200 discount on the season directly following their tournament victory, with a second from Member Lee. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by roll call.

K: Unfinished Business:

1. Sportsman Solutions: Attorney Bartnicki reported to the Board that all of their requested terms were agreed to, the whitelist is in place, and the contract does not auto renew. Member Rosenbaum made a motion to accept the revised Sportsman Solutions contracts, with a second by member Ekdahl. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by roll call.

L: Committee Reports: - NONE

M: Department Staff Remarks:

Acting Superintendent/Harbormaster Barb Lusco thanked the Board for their support and plans to keep everything running smoothly. Playground inspections are underway; she has contacted Hobart about obtaining recycled paint to address the trail tunnel graffiti as soon as the weather warms up.

N: Any Other Matters & Public Comment:

1. Citizen Rod spoke to the board about the meeting process and expressed his hope that the contracts are thoroughly scrutinized for best pricing.

O: Next Meeting: March 17, 2026

P: Adjournment:

Member Warchus moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., with a second by Member Ekdahl. The motion passed.


Respectfully Submitted,  
Barb Lusco – Superintendent

  
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Andrew Maletta, President

Date: 3/17/26

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Deborah Lee, Vice President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Steve Rosenbaum, Secretary

Date: 3-17-26