

**RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY
BOARD Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Fretterd Community Center
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

SUMMARY

Attendance: J. Beechey, H. Speir, S. Staehlin, J. Horton, C. Broadwater, R. Harper, K. BBCunningham
K. Stork,

I. New Business

Reorganization-keyed to change to non-profit
[Articles of Incorporation](#) and [Bylaws](#)

Jamie talked about the Commissioners being receptive to making the change to a Friends Group.
Our benefactor this year gave us a larger donation than they normally do.

H. Speir expressed concerns regarding the Bylaws. He talked about this being a huge responsibility for the Chair person and that it was going to be more work for the board vs. what was required now.

J. Beechey mentioned that there will be a lot more support through the County. Right now all we do with the funding is scholarships for programs. K. Story mentioned that she was on the Friends of the Library and how it worked.

Conversations regarding it being bonded or insured.

H. Speir just wants to make sure that everyone knows that additional time will be required to be on this board.

Shore Strategies Stakeholders interviews for LPPRP

K. Stork talked about the LPPRP surveys and some of the results that have come. They created different types of surveys to allow us to see where the results came from.

HSC award J. Beechey discussed that we applied for a grant through HSC for \$10,000.00. We will be using this money to purchase 14 youth kayaks and 14 youth mountain bikes. We want to start expanding opportunities for environmental education. This was started last year through Shore Rivers.

Opioid Grant J. Beechey mentioned that we applied for a \$75,000.00 grant from the Opioid Funds. This would be a summer camp program at CRMS and LMS for education on Opioid use.

Budget 2027 – the department was asked to produce a flat budget.

II. Old Business

Project Updates

J. Beechey gave an update of Sharp Road Park. The project is moving along.

III. Division Updates in person by Danny Mitchell.

IV BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/UPDATES

Opportunity to raise questions, request agenda time for upcoming meetings, and provide updates on public recreation related events, resources, or concerns.