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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

**November 17, 2025
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair at **5:34 PM**.

Attendance

Present: Eva Hansen, Mandy Giust, Dan Schultz, Megan Hauser, Nicole Kott

Absent: David Hyder, Mitch Bearden, Nate Webster, Landen Stevenson

1. Public Comment

No formal public comments were submitted. Attendees were welcomed and the meeting was called to order.

2. Welcome & Announcements

Luke welcomed all members and provided brief updates on current departmental activities.

3. Approval of Minutes

Action: The Commission approved the October 2025 minutes as presented.

4. Updates from Luke & Commission Members

Luke provided comprehensive FEMA updates regarding ongoing ballfield restoration efforts, including progress on Dutch Fisher Field and the status of additional field rehabilitation plans. He also presented an update on the current design work for the new dog park, noting anticipated next steps and coordination timelines.

5. FEMA Update

Ball Fields Update

- **Dutch Fisher Field:** Luke provided an update on project status, coordination with FEMA, and next steps for design and repair. Discussion included anticipated timelines and pending approvals.
- **Other Field Plans:** Additional field improvement options were reviewed, with members discussing potential layouts, cost implications, and sequencing of work.

6. Master Plan Status

Steering Committee & Master Plan Updates

- Members received an overview of the upcoming Steering Committee meeting scheduled for December 11th, including a planned site visit to review existing conditions.
- Staff provided an update on data collection efforts currently underway for the Master Plan, summarizing preliminary findings.
- Draft community survey questions were reviewed, and members provided recommendations to enhance clarity and ensure broad community engagement.

PARTF Discussion & Helene Grant Application (Due January)

- The Commission discussed potential enhancements to Recreation Park aimed at strengthening the application for the Helene PARTF grant.
- A formal motion was made by Dan Schultz and seconded by Nicole Kott recommending that Town Council approve the Helene PARTF grant application and allocate the required matching funds. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

Mountaineer Article for Recreation Center's 25th Anniversary

- Members discussed key themes and historical highlights to feature in the article.

Rec Jam '26 Planning

- The Commission discussed event strategy for Rec Jam 2026, agreeing to pursue a series of smaller, targeted fundraising initiatives throughout the year leading up to the main event.
- Members supported the idea of engaging a professional event coordinator to oversee the planning, logistics, and execution of Rec Jam 2026.

Display of Dick's Sporting Goods Check

- Eva proposed displaying the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation donation check prominently in the lobby. The Commission expressed unanimous support for this suggestion.

Old Business

- Eva raised the topic of approaching the County Commissioners again for funding.
- Eva made a motion, seconded by Mandy, to approach the County Manager with a proposal for funding to be presented to the Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

(No additional items were discussed.)

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Chair's Signature: *Eva Hansen* Eva Hansen

Respectfully Submitted,
Eva Hansen, Chairman