

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
September 8 , 2026

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on September 8th, 2026 at 6:32pm at the LBC and the following members were present: Chad Rupe, Bob Campagna, Daniel Drumeller, and Neil Rud. Also in attendance Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Rupe to approve agenda. Seconded by Campagna. Carried all 3-0.

2. Approval of the Minutes of August 11, 2026 meeting. Motion made by Campagna to approve agenda. Seconded by Rupe. Carried 3-0.

3. Open Forum - None

4. Directors Report - Siders will send his report.

5. Discussion regarding candidates for Park and Rec Board. There were a couple of names thrown around but as of September 8th 2026 no one had submitted an interest form.

6. Discussion regarding Pool Updates. Siders discussed items individually.

a. The autofill system was damaged during original construction. Woodruff reconstructed this system without input from City staff. It will be replaced by Woodruff.

b. The divings boards have failed for the last two years. Woodruff will order a new type of board. We found out the previous boards were recalled so we are not the only one experiencing issues.

c. The Playnuk in the zero depth has not worked since it was installed two years ago. Even after installing a new pump it still does not work.

d. The new slides still have bolts that need to be tightened to meet standards. The issue was recognized by inspectors prior to opening in 2026 and the contractor said they would fix the

issue. The issue was still not fixed in mid season 2026. The contractor will need to come after the season and fix this.

e. Several grates for the gutters especially in the zero deck area are of poor craftsmanship where they will need to be replaced or modified. The contractor is worried that the warranty will be nullified if they are modified. This will be looked at further after the season.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Davis Park Restroom /Pavilion at ballfield.

The project came in over budget, so the City started looking at modifying the original plans. Siders shared with the Board that there is currently \$158,000 left to be spent. The total cost for the project two years ago was around \$220,000. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

8. Discussion regarding Outdoor Pickleball Courts. The Board discussed sending out a survey to citizens and get feedback about outdoor pickleball courts. The Board would like the survey to go in the next City newsletter and across social media. Siders explained they could include a link to a survey. Rupe agreed to start working on a survey sample and bring to next meeting.

9. Discussion regarding Sculpture Trail. Campagna shared with the Board that the committee is pursuing 1 or 2 new pieces. These pieces will be funded by a state grant and MVAAC funds. No City budget dollars are needed. The grant money will be reimbursed once the sculptures are purchased and installed.

10. Discussion regarding Capital Projects Updates. Discussion was already included in several other agenda items and Siders was going to bring more information for the Board to use when discussing this next meeting.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding Park and Rec Board subcommittees. No action taken . This will be discussed again next meeting.

12. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Trails) - None

13. Old Business - None

14. New Business – None

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned Drumeller motioned to adjourn, Rupe second. Carried 4-0. Meeting ended at 7:56pm, September 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted - Matt Siders, Director MV Parks and Rec