

City of Milton-Freewater

Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes

Members: Jacque Barthel-Fox, George Gillette, John Mitchell, Danny Sanchez & Ryan Westman

Meeting Date/Time: June 2, 2025/ 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Joe Humbert Family Aquatic Center, 200 DeHaven St., Milton-Freewater OR.

1. OPENING

- a. Chair Ryan Westman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Committee member(s) present: Jacque Barthel-Fox, George Gillette, John Mitchell, Danny Sanchez, Ryan Westman and Kate Winters.

Committee member(s) absent: Jacque Barthel-Fox was excused.

City staff present: City Manager Chad Morris and Public Works Assistant/Project Aide Krista Gannon.

Citizen(s) present: none.

- b. Adoption of Agenda – Not applicable – this was a facility tour of the aquatic center.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sanchez motion to approve the minutes from May 7 ,2025 meeting as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and minutes were approved.

3. PRESENTATIONS – N/A

4. STAFF REPORT/BUSINESS ITEMS

Those present toured the outside of the pool deck area and visually inspected the facility. Some topics of discussion were as follows:

There is a dark blackish looking material on surface under water – staff is working to find out the cause of this and how to correct it without causing damage to the surface material. We have used gentle methods of trying to clean and remove the areas with no results. The areas from a distance appear to look like dirt, but are not and it is adhered to the surface. Staff and the pool manager Russ will work together to get to the bottom of what this is and how to properly eliminate it.

Shelter was painted this spring to match the rest of the facility.

Several chairs, tables and benches are in disrepair and there were some noticed during the walk thru that were in need of being removed. Staff was planning to have them removed prior to opening.

The old rinse off shower from the sand area is no longer operable but is still there with a cone on the top of it until staff can determine what to do. The sand area was filled with some rock over the top of the area where there used to be silica sand that we used to pay to have hauled in from Emmett, Idaho and the Volleyball area was in need of some attention. Both areas

could use some new inventive ideas on how to repurpose them, but as usual, funding is where most ideas fall short.

Manager Morris shared that himself and other Public Works staff had already inspected the slide structure and have found that it is stable and safe to open since that had been a topic previously brought forth.

Public Works Assistant/Project Aide shared that the safety committee for the city will complete an inspection of the entire facility and staff will address any findings from a checklist we have from our insurance carrier as well as anything else that is discovered before opening as well as during the season. She mentioned that after we close for the year it would be highly beneficial for staff to inspect the welds on the yellow drop slide structure and all the other structural and mechanical areas that are subject to corrosion and weather to allow adequate time for such.

We did not tour or inspect the inside of the facility at this time, but the outside of the facility was coming together quite well considering the short amount of time that had elapsed since the doors had been opened up till now and there were many tasks underway yet to get done in time for opening, but staff was confident with our new manager on the team we would be able to open as planned.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS – not applicable

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS ITEMS:

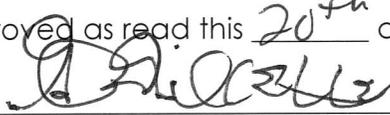
Members shared that they would like to see something done with the old play area that is pretty much of no use the way it is now but were excited for the city to be taking back over the pool this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Westman.

Approved as read this 20th day of January, 2026.

By:



~~Ryan Westman~~ - Parks and Recreation Committee Chair

George Gillette