

Minutes
MONTPELIER RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday – August 18, 2025

Present: Peter Cohn, Heather Bailey, Chris Hancock

Staff: Arne McMullen, Carol Plante

1. Call to order – Meeting began at 5:39 pm. Reviewed Agenda
Welcome to Carol Plan who has joined the staff at the Rec Center.

2. Public Presentations – none

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 12, 2025 were approved by Peter Cohn and seconded by Heather Bailey. The June 16, 2025 minutes couldn't be approved, as there was no quorum. There was no meeting on July 14th.

4. Financial Statements

Overall the Rec Department is doing okay. It is adjusting to new budget cuts and loss of staff.

5. Old Business

a. New Pool Chlorinator

It was installed 2 months ago. It did a good job keeping the pool clean. There is a need to figure out the stabilizing piece to accurately measure use. The chorine was more costly (tariff tax). Arne is going to price out chlorine for next year.

b. The July 3rd celebration was cancelled.

6. New Business

Pool Updates Good season for the pool.

a. Staffing of pool.

1. There were some challenges. There is a need to have a clear set of rules concerning pool staff absences. Each staff member must sign a contract concerning leave. It is important for the guards to have a sense of responsibility and be invested in the idea of working as a team.

2. The head guards demonstrated good leadership and they both expressed an interest in returning next year).

b. Capital kids program ran well. Many of the staff expressed interest in returning next year.

c. CCR Uses this fall.

1. The HUB is still working on what they want to propose.
2. The City has given Turtle Island a lease and they are making improvements on the building.

d. Disc Golf

1. There is a final push to complete the last 5 baskets. Next they will work on boxes. (The area where a player tees off). They need sand and gravel.
2. Perhaps disc golf lessons for new players can be offered.
3. They will take donations from players, instead of charging fees this fall.

7. Director's Report

a. Soccer sign ups under Assistant Director's report

b. Pool Maintenance

Planning for Future

1. Need to paint the pool for next year. Arne will get estimates for the black ring area on the circumference of the pool. It needs to be done professionally.
2. The handicap railing needs to be replaced. An outside group damaged it. In the future, the councilors from these groups need to supervise their campers.

8. Assistant Director/Pool Supervisor's Report

a. Fall Soccer

167 kids signed up. Some age groups had fewer players this year. 3rd and 4th grade boys, from 40 players last year down to 29 this year; 3/4 grade girls, 11 players; 5/6 boys, 38 players; 5/6 girls, 22 players

b. Swim lessons 213 kids brought in \$13,312

c. Capital Kids Camp, 600 enrolled which averaged about 74 kids per day and brought in \$22,000

d. Tennis camp 29 kids

e. Mountaineers 135 players

f. Ultimate Frisbee, 23 players

g. In the fall soccer for K-4 will be at CCR, Grades 5/6 at the Rec field.

9. Other Business

- a. Chris asked when the floor in gym was last redone. It was pre pandemic. Normally it is redone every year. Arne will look into it.
- b. Heather asked about recruitment. Arne will check with the person at City Hall who is in charge of publicity.

Adjournment: 6:45 pm

Next meeting: September 8th, 2025