



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

EVERGREEN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

March 16, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Director McGhee called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Evergreen Park & Recreation District (EPRD/District) to order at 5:03pm. Present from the Board were President Mary McGhee, Vice President Betsy Hays, Second Vice President Rebecca Davis, Treasurer Peter Eggers, and Secretary Ally Hilgefert. Youth Advisory Board Members Paul Howe & Xavier Gomez were also present.

Present from staff were Executive Director (ED) Cory Vander Veen, Director of Operations (DO) Brian Tucker, Director of Development and Community Engagement (DCM) Nancy Judge, Executive Manager (EM) Maddy Evans, Park Operations Manager (PO) Jarred Lilyhorn, Guest Experience Manager (GEM) Logan Bashford, Lake House Manager (LHM) Krista Emrich, Special Projects Coordinator Anne Morrison, and Lake House Specialist (LHS) Klaire Funderburgh.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Director McGhee announced that one of EPRD's previous Youth Advisory Board Members was recently in Washington D.C. for the state of the union address.

GSM Bashford announced EPRD's new Aquatics Supervisor, Jay Steinberg. Jay introduced himself to the Board.

POM Lilyhorn announced Will Morse, EPRD's new Park Operations and Field Coordinator. Will introduced himself to the Board.

3. RESOLUTION 2026-003

Director Eggers read Resolution 2026-003 and EPRD staff were presented with framed plaques of the Board resolution recognizing their actions.

MOTION

Director Eggers moved to adopt Resolution 2026-003 recognizing EPRD staff Present At Wulf Recreation Center On September 10, 2025, That Provided Aid And Support To Patrons, Evergreen High School Students And Staff that were onsite during The Evergreen High School Shooting Incident. Director Hilgefert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident Mike Ferrari commented on behalf of Evergreen Neighbors & Friends group in regard to support of pétanque courts in Buchanan Park.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 - February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

5.2 - Capital Project Public Communications Update

MOTION

Director Hilgefert moved to approve all items on the consent agenda as amended. Director Eggers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION

ED Vander Veen provided an overview of the proposed and refined list of Board subcommittees. The Board agreed that the subcommittees moving forward would be the following:

Youth Advisory Board – Rebecca Davis & Betsy Hays

Buchanan Aquatics Expansion – Betsy Hays & Peter Eggers

Buchanan Gym/Field House – Mary McGhee & Ally Hilgefert

Dog Park – Mary McGhee & Ally Hilgefert

Buchanan Park Improvements – Ally Hilgefert & Peter Eggers

Wulf Master Plan – Rebecca Davis & Mary McGhee

8. COP BUDGET PROGRESS UPDATE

ED Vander Veen presented the COP budget snapshot showing increased secured and predicted funding, discussed the \$16M COP context, and explained that funding levers, scope changes, and contracting



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status will determine final costs and project timing. The total secured and predicted outside funding available for certain COP funded projects increased from \$1.98M to over \$3.65M, substantially improving funding capacity for projects. ED Vander Veen highlighted that of the updated project costs being presented, some are contracted "actuals" while some are still estimates. If all predicted funding and cost estimates materialize, there would be a surplus in funding. The Board discussed the plan to use grass instead of turf on the southeast baseball field at Buchanan Park, and also discussed the Wilmot sports fields.

9. PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The playground project is progressing at roughly 60 percent design completion, with grading established and equipment options under review to balance cost and quality while maintaining universal accessibility. The team outlined ongoing community and stakeholder engagement, material and vendor evaluations, and coordination of logistics such as component lead times and a temporary backup playground at Buchanan Park Rec Center during construction. Additional community input is being gathered through voting posters at Wulf, and materials such as rock features are scheduled for delivery. The playground is planned to be inclusive and adventure-focused for all abilities, and EPRD has now purchased two inclusive play features that will be installed.

10. AQUATICS EXPANSION UPDATE

The Aquatics Expansion update reviewed proposed exterior and interior materials, noted a few finish selections still pending, and confirmed that certain elements—such as garage doors—will be retained pending further performance evaluation. The team finalized several technical components, including the perimeter drain design with redundant pumps, a multi-unit heater system for operational flexibility, and anticipated shop drawings next week. They also introduced plans for a phased rollout of a new Wi-Fi/RFID access control system to improve security District-wide and reduce long-term rekeying costs.

11. PAVILION UPDATE

SPC Morrison presented the current pavilion design, which includes the main pavilion structure, social stairs, a planned rock retaining wall on the north side of the field, and provisions for a future phase 2 foundation covered by crushed refines. The phase 2 segment is proposed to be 80x30ft (2,400 sq ft) and will be constructed at a later date. 100% construction drawings are complete. A major donor committed to significant funding for the performance pavilion, and staff are working on the contract with this donor. The donor will host a ceremony during the first summer concert on June 10th, and the official ribbon-cutting for the pavilion (Rhythm and Rut) is planned for Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

12. GYM/FIELD HOUSE UPDATE

Stakeholder re-engagement has resumed across different community user groups to refine activity zones, prioritize primary uses, and ensure durable, future-proof design choices. The team discussed layout tradeoffs, including flooring options, multi-line conflicts, and whether the facility should emphasize competition or practice, with consensus leaning toward a Parks & Rec-oriented practice space. Comparable facilities and potential field-trip visits were identified to help guide decisions on turf, boarded configurations, and activity-zone sizing. Staff reviewed cost and feasibility considerations for features such as under-floor lighting, ceiling-mounted nets, and expanded fieldhouse dimensions, noting that adding tennis space would significantly increase costs. Staff are exploring options to cover one tennis court at Wulf. They will continue stakeholder outreach, prepare renderings, gather bids and cost estimates, and develop refined configurations for further review.

13. 2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed and adjusted several dates on the 2026 Board Meeting schedule.



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14. OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

ED Vander Veen shared an update regarding the separation of an employee.

15. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

16. INITIAL DRAFT OF THE APRIL 2026 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Consent Agenda (March BOD Meeting Minutes, Capital Project Public Communications Update, Q1 2026 Financial Update), Playground Update, Aquatics Expansion Update, Gym/Field House Update, Skatepark Update

**15. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

Director Eggers moved to adjourn the March 16, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting as of 8:09pm. Director Davis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Madalyn Evans
Executive Manager

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EVERGREEN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2026-003

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EPRD STAFF PRESENT AT WULF RECREATION CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, THAT PROVIDED AID AND SUPPORT TO PATRONS, EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF THAT WERE ONSITE DURING THE EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENT.

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025, Evergreen High School experienced an active shooting incident that caused some students and staff to evacuate the school; and

WHEREAS, one wounded student and additional students and staff evacuated to the Wulf Recreation Center joining patrons already within the center; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Park and Recreation Staff immediately started providing care as well as sheltering staff, students and patrons within the gymnasium and throughout the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Park and Recreation Staff including Michael Carpenter, Bruce Wagner, Paul Duncan, Abby Kenner, Gianna Michaelson, Gary Riskin, Braydon Shulz, Maren Schreiber, Elias Martinez, Shana Winfield, Shana Valencia, Patrica Boren, Brian Tucker and Cory Vander Veen went above and beyond their assigned roles to provide comfort and support until all the Evergreen High School students, staff and patrons were cleared to exit the Wulf Recreation Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Park and Recreation District extends its highest commendation to the staff for their actions taken on September 10, 2025.

ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2026.

EVERGREEN PARK AND RECREATION

DISTRICT

By


Mary McGhee, Board President

ATTEST:

By


Ally Hilgefart, Board Secretary