RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

EVERGREEN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Director Eggers 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 Peter Eggers, Vice President Mary McGhee, Second Vice President Ally Hilgefort, Treasurer Betsy Hays, and Secretary Rebecca Davis. Youth Advisory Board Members Clare Sweet and Paul Howe 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 (DDC) Nancy Judge, Executive Manager (EM) Maddy Evans, Grants & Strategy Manager (GSM) Liz Cohen, Park Operations Manager (POM) Jarred Lilyhorn, HR Manager (HR) Jillian Heisler, Guest Experience Manager (GEM) Logan Bashford, Marketing & Communications Supervisor (MCS) Courtney Thorud, Special Projects Coordinator (SPC) Anne Morrison, Park Operations Staff Bob Renz, and Facility Staff Chris Adamowski.

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

Director Hays moved to add a second Executive Session to the end of the agenda regarding a personnel matter.

Director Eggers acknowledged the passing of valued community member and friend of EPRD, Linda Kirkpatrick, and shared background and stories honoring her leadership and impacts on the Evergreen community.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident Tracy Lester commented on the proposed field house.
District Resident Autumn Hayes commented on the track at Evergreen Middle School.
District Resident Victoria Hutchin commented on the track at Evergreen Middle School.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 - July 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

4.2 - Q2 Facility & Pass Usage Update

4.3 – 2025 Annual Report

4.4 -- Board Bylaw Updates

4.5 -- 2025 Audit Approval

4.6 -- Resolution 2026-007 – Supporting Grant Application for Jeffco Parks & Open Space

MOTION

Director Hays moved to approve all items on the consent agenda with the minor edits made in the pre-meeting as non-substantial changes. Director Hilgefort seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items pulled off of the consent agenda for discussion.

6. RALLY FOR THE RINK PRESENTATION

The Rally for the Rink group presented its proposal for an Evergreen ice rink, outlining community demand, travel burdens for local athletes, and the benefits of a regulation-size facility. Board members and presenters discussed rink dimensions, comparable community models, and the financial and operational challenges of rink management. Maintenance requirements and annual operating costs were reviewed along with various rink configurations. The presenters proposed pursuing a feasibility study next fiscal year, potentially in partnership with EPRD, to assess land options, construction costs, environmental impacts, and year-round or seasonal use. The presenters indicated willingness to help fundraise, and noted that an indoor, single-sheet 85” x 200” rink is the current conceptual priority.

7. LAKE HOUSE WINTER PROGRAMMING DISCUSSION

ED Vander Veen outlined the growing challenges of providing reliable outdoor skating due to shorter ice seasons, weather variability, and environmental constraints at Evergreen Lake. He noted that water-quality regulations, wetland restoration requirements, and the lake’s role in drinking water add complexity and cost. Examples of rink models across Colorado were reviewed to illustrate options for weather protection, refrigeration, funding, and programming. The discussion separated short-term efforts to maintain ice programming from longer-term considerations for a permanent facility. Staff presented the former skatepark area at Wulf as a potential interim outdoor rink site, with close proximity to utilities and the ability to start small, grow programming gradually, and reduce pressure on the lake. Preliminary costs, revenue expectations, and future add-ons—such as roofing and owned refrigeration—were discussed, along with a proposed initial size of roughly 180 x 85 feet that could be expanded. Additional ideas included using Echo Lake early in spring and evaluating vacant commercial buildings as possible rink locations. The group emphasized scalable design while recognizing District budget constraints.

MOTION

Director Hays moved that the Board approve that staff can use some operational funds to find a used board system and present a proposal to the Board once purchased. Director Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. AQUATICS EXPANSION UPDATE

SPC Morrison shared updated renderings and confirmed blue fabric duct coverings for branding and reduced maintenance visibility. Construction is progressing with mobilization complete, excavation finished, foundation work underway, and pool components scheduled to arrive by late September. Staff are coordinating with partners to secure donated or at-cost equipment. Public engagement will include monthly on-site meetings and a construction time-lapse camera. The team reviewed contingencies, weather allowances, GMP protections, and liquidated damages, and noted the current anticipated dedication date of July 3, 2027.

9. GYM/FIELD HOUSE DISCUSSION

The team reviewed the field house and restroom procurement process, narrowing nine GC bids to three finalists. Comparisons of the contractors emphasized experience with pre-engineered metal buildings, winter construction in Evergreen, and the value of an owner's representative. Construction is planned for the upcoming winter to align with contractor availability. The group discussed subcontractor participation, pricing competitiveness, and evolving Jefferson County code requirements. Staff highlighted that stakeholder input favored having two courts with the same surface. Staff introduced two options for flooring combinations – option 1 being two multi-purpose courts (Taraflex or Tarkett) with one turf court, and option 2 being one wood court, one turf court, and one multi-purpose court. Planning-level estimates for Taraflex, turf, and hardwood were reviewed. Participants considered donor possibilities, used materials, noise mitigation, humidity and spill risks, and long-term maintenance. Resilient flooring was ultimately favored for its flexibility, lower cost, and suitability for intended use. The conversation briefly explored a potential donor offer for a wood-floor zone and broader Wulf Gym renovation considerations. EPRD also announced its participation in Colorado Youth Sports Giving Day beginning September 1, featuring major matching dollars and a dedicated giving page.

MOTION

Director Hilgefort moved to approve staff proceeding with Option #1 for the Field House flooring, and authorize staff and the selection committee to negotiate with up to two general contractor firms and finalize a selection for the Field House and bathroom facility general contractor contract, and to authorize staff to sign a contract for an amount up to $2.5 million for the Field House base bid, with any alternates or add-ons to be determined, priced, and presented to the Board at a later date. Directors Hays seconded. Directors Hilgefort, Hays, Eggers, and Davis voted in favor. Director McGhee voted against. The motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote in favor.

10. OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

There were no items to discussed.

11. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident Patti McLaughlin commented on the Rally for the Rink presentation and on having an ice rink in Evergreen.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Eggers moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(a), concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, to explore additional park land. Director Hilgefort seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was entered into at 8:04pm.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Eggers moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(f), concerning personnel matters related to EPRD Board of Director Mary McGhee. Director Hays seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was entered into at 8:22pm.

The Board re-entered regular session at 9:23pm.

14. INITIAL DRAFT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2026 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Consent Agenda (August Meeting Minutes), Aquatics Expansion Update, Fees, Insurance & Budget Discussion, Gym/Field House Contract Approval, Executive Session

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Director McGhee oved to adjourn the August 25, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting as of 9:35pm. Director Davis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Madalyn Evans
Executive Manager