

**PARK RIVER PARK DISTRICT, PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, SPECIAL MEETING,
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026 AT 5:30 PM.**

President Ashley Seim called the meeting to order at 5:28 PM confirming the presence of Commissioners: Dante Irvine and Joseph Fietek
Absent: Josh Stromberg. A quorum was established. Others present: Ron Beneda and Ann Berg.

The special meeting was called to interview a candidate to fill the Park Board seat vacated by Sara Freeman, to address filling the open seat, and to discuss swimming pool bid options.

The Board interviewed Ron Beneda for the open position. Mr. Beneda expressed strong interest in supporting the development of the complex and promoting clean, welcoming parks for families and visitors. As a retiree, he indicated he has the availability to dedicate time to the Park Board. With a professional background in horticulture, he believes he can make meaningful contributions to the Park District. Mr. Beneda emphasized the importance of completing the complex, noting that funding would follow, and highlighted the need for long-term planning to stay ahead of maintenance and ensure the parks remain attractive and inviting. The Board thanked Mr. Beneda for his time and participation.

The Board discussed the two candidates interviewed; Bob Lundquist and Ron Beneda. While both candidates demonstrated a strong commitment to community needs—one focusing on the complex and the other on a swimming pool and fundraising—the Board agreed that either would be a valuable addition. Fietek moved to appoint Bob Lundquist to the Board based on his experience with fundraising and grant writing. Irvine seconded the motion. Upon vote, Fietek and Irvine voted aye, and Seim voted nay, noting unfamiliarity with Mr. Lundquist. M/C.

Seim will notify both candidates of the Board's decision.

The Board reviewed two bids received for the demolition and infill of the swimming pools. With a clean slate, the Board expressed interest in exploring alternative uses for the space with the pool house remaining at this time.

The bid from Kilichowski Trucking Inc. includes the following scope of work: cutting concrete 10 feet from the building to maintain access; removing liners and hauling them to a landfill; removing and salvaging the fence for the Park Board; breaking concrete and using it as fill to within one foot of the surface; placing Class 5 material for the remaining one foot and leveling the area.

The City will supply materials and staff to close and/or seal utilities. The total bid is \$35,600. Fietek moved, and Irvine seconded, to approve Kilichowski Trucking Inc.'s bid of \$36,500 for the demolition and infill of the swimming pools. Upon vote, all members voted aye. M/C.

The Board will request that the Kilichowski Trucking Inc. bid be added to the next Park River City Council agenda.

Irvine moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM.

ATTEST:

Ann Berg, City of Park River
Assessor/Deputy Auditor

Ashley Seim, Park District President