



Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

Buttermaker's Cottage

- 1) **Call to Order** Chairman Lindsen called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM / **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Chairman Lindsen
- 2) **Roll Call** – Brandon Lindsen, Chair, present; Sharon Lewis, Vice Chair, present; Lance Eck, absent; Chris Potter, absent; Paul Towne, present
- 3) **Introduction of guests** Jet Lowe (YBONC)
- 4) **Agenda Approval** – Director Towne moved and Vice Chair Lewis seconded a motion to move 10a to follow Public Comments. Unanimously approved.

**Director Eck arrived*

- 5) **Public Comments** – No public comments.

- 10)a. **Bike Park** – Jet Lowe advised that Hansen Bros. will deliver clean fill dirt from another project to the Bike Park. YBONC is not holding workdays throughout the summer but will resume upon the first rain. Ms. Lowe would like stickers added to Bike Park signs reading **"Class 1 Bikes Allowed** (Pedal-assist only to 20 mph. no throttle)." Chairman Lindsen informed her that the speed limit was previous set at 10 MPH for all vehicles and bikes in the park. Ms. Lowe asked about the water source for the Bike Park. Chairman Lindsen advised that he has tried to determine this but that the way the pipes were installed he was not able to confirm if the spigot is treated or well water. He met with Richard Eacobacci last year who was able to show him the underground valve, but they could not verify where the drinking fountain line originated. Ms. Lowe concluded that she would order the stickers and reiterated that the ground was too dry to hold workdays.

- 6) **Correspondence** – Nevada County Planning Correspondence relating to RV Housing
- 7) **Board Minutes** – Vice Chair Lewis moved and Director Eck seconded the motion to accept the May minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 8) **Financial Report** – Vice Chair Lewis moved and Director Towne seconded the motion to accept the May financials as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 9) **Old Business**
 - a. Pollinator Garden – No formal update but Chairman Lindsen noted that visual progress is evident.
 - b. Playground Shade Structure – Chairman Lindsen advised a new bid has been accepted from Tony Labosky for under \$26,000. Mr. Labosky should be able to start work in late summer or early fall.
 - c. Rural Recreation & Tourism Grant – Chairman Lindsen met with Weiss Landscaping and has received concept drawings from Millennium for the RV park. Both the RV park and ballfield improvements are moving forward.
 - d. Park Lighting – Still waiting for Nate of Jensen Tree Service and crane to install the parking lot light. Director Eck will be evaluating lighting options at Costco.
 - e. Creekside Village - No update..
 - f. New Truck and Dump Trailer – Dump trailer was purchased and we are working with Tri Counties bank to secure a \$20,000 loan to purchase a truck for up to \$30,000. The park will use \$10,000 of existing funds. *Chairman Lindsen and Director Potter have begun the search.*
 - g. Credit Card Limit – The application is in process to increase our current \$3000 credit card

limit to \$5000.

10) New Business

- a. Bike Park – see above.
- b. Annual Budget – Board reviewed and discussed proposed fiscal 2026/27 budget. Firewood sales will help augment income. Director Towne moved and Director Eck seconded a motion to approve the budget as present. Unanimously approved.
- c. Vendor Policy – Board reviewed proposed food vendor policy and made minor changes that would not exclude food vendors not using self-contained vehicles. Director Towne moved and Vice Chair Lewis seconded a motion to accept the policy as amended. Unanimously approved.
- d. District Secretary – *Board to review increasing hours and duties to help cover bookkeeping tasks currently administered by the vendor bookkeeper.* Chairman Lindsen excused himself to void family member conflict of interest. Director Towne suggested updating the job description before approving additional hours. Tabled until July.

11) Advisory Groups - Presentations

- a. Buildings and Grounds.
 - i. General Park Maintenance – Accumulation of trash has been an issue due to park's attendance and events. The park will upgrade to a three-yard dumpster.
 - ii. Farmers Market and CRV Program – Market is running smoothly with great turnout, but one vendor may be dismissed as products are not all handmade.
- b. Upcoming events and reservations report
 - i. Upcoming Events Report – Nevada County Toy Run on June 27th, NADGT Exclusive Disc Golf Tournament on June 27th, Life in the Fast Lane Eagles on July 11th.
- c. WGP Foundation Update – the Foundation met on Monday. The entrance arch has been installed. Louie Osterude will be installing poles for US flags to be mounted. Mr. Osterude has requested that only US flags be mounted as the arch will be dedicated to veterans. A plaque will be added, and Mr. Osterude will schedule a dedication event. A letter of appreciation and gratitude for Louie Osterude will be drafted. The Foundation raised a few hundred dollars at the recent flea market.
- d. Pickleball Courts Update – No update
- e. YBONC Update – see above (10a)

12) Director Comments

Director Towne suggested looking into acoustic screens for the pickleball courts. He added that the Rockin the Gateway Summer Concert Series was on life support due to lack of attendance despite his saturated promotion efforts. Chairman Lindsen stated the issue was likely an algorithm issue, which may depend on images and image quality. Director Towne added that the upcoming Life in the Fast Lane Eagles tribute band has been playing since the 90s and is probably the best Eagles tribute band in California.

Chairman Lindsen announced that the District Secretary will be moving out of state. The goal is to post the position as soon as possible to allow for a month of training.

- 13) **Adjournment** Director Towne moved and Vice Chair Lewis seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.