

**Alpena County Board of Commissioners**  
**Alpena County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**DRAFT Minutes from the February 11, 2026 - Regular Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Jesse Osmer, acting as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM ET in the Howard Male Conference Room

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted with Lucille Bray being excused – all other members present.

**Election of Officers for 2026**

1.) For the office of Secretary, Lucille Bray was nominated. No other nominations made. Motion by G. Fournier and seconded by C. LeFebvre to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot, motion carried with unanimous support.

2.) For the office of Vice-Chair, Brenda Fournier and Dave Guthrie were nominated. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote with D. Guthrie prevailing with 5 votes to B. Fournier's 3.

3.) For the office Chairman, Kevin Osbourne was nominated. No other nominations made. Motion by B. Fournier and seconded by G. Fournier to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot, motion carried with unanimous support.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Adoption of the Agenda: Osbourne offered two additions to the agenda under New Business – 1.) Discussion on Beaver Lake Park, and 2.) Internet Service at the Parks. Motion by B. Fournier, seconded by G. MacArthur to adopt the agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken, motion carried with unanimous support.

**Public Comment**

Public Comment – None

**Consent Calendar**

Consent Calendar – None

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report was given by Deputy Treasurer, Rikki Nadeau with review and

special note on the liability insurance paid from Manning Hill Park and the need for future adjustment to that line item as well as possibly moving the entire liability insurance payment due from parks to Parks General instead of each individual park's budget.

### **Approval of Bills**

Approval of Bills – Moved by D. Guthrie, seconded by G. Fournier; no discussion, roll call vote taken, vote carried with unanimous support.

### **New Business**

1.) 2026 Organization of Committees & Committee Meeting Dates – Personnel Committee is D. Guthrie, D. Ludlow, C. LaFebvre / Finance Committee is L. Bray, M. Rhodes, K. Morlan / Long Lake Park is D. Ludlow, G. Fournier, L. Bray / Beaver Lake Park is M. Rhodes, B. Fournier, K. Morlan / Sunken Lake Park is D. Guthrie, M. Rhodes, C. LaFebvre. These appointments were made by the chairman and serve at his pleasure.

a.) D. Guthrie moved and B. Fournier seconded moving the meeting dates to the second Wednesday of the month with the times moved to 5:00PM. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed with unanimous support.

2.) Beaver Lake Park Discussion – Discussion on putting out ads for management at BLP and hosts at all parks and directing the Commissioner's Office to complete this action at their earliest convenience. Motion by D. Guthrie, second by B. Fournier; a voice vote was taken, the motion passed with unanimous support. Discussion ensued about doing a walk-through and inventory. This will be conducted before the next meeting.

### **Park Updates & Manning Hill Update**

1.) Long Lake Park Update: They need a new printer and have it budgeted. The request has been placed with IT. Motion by B. Fournier and seconded by D. Guthrie to allow the managers to go out and purchase the a printer at not more than \$500. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed with unanimous support.

2.) Sunken Lake Park Update: Request to remain open for deer season. This will be added to the next agenda.

3.) No updates from Beaver Lake Park or Manning Hill Park

### **Comments from the Board**

- 1.) M. Rhodes said his goal for this year is to work together and have a more congenial relationship with the managers. Has plans for BLP.
- 2.) D. Ludlow wanted to welcome K. Morlan to the board.
- 3.) G. Fournier wanted to clarify that a joke between him and another member of the board during the last meeting was overheard and seen as a response to happenings that they were unaware of, that he is sorry it happened that way but that it was not intentional.
- 4.) B. Fournier thanked the board for allowing her to serve the past year. She feels that she walked into a mess but is walking out with improvements having been made.
- 5.) C. LaFebvre hopes we work to engage with the public and better serve them and is hopeful the coming year is a positive one.
- 6.) D. Guthrie expressed a message of unity and hope to generate money but feels we need to market and promote the parks to the public.
- 7.) K. Morlan is looking forward to participating on this board. She has spent a lot of time at BLP and is hoping she will offer a new set of eyes and be helpful to the board's success.
- 8.) K. Osbourne echoed the sentiments shared. He shared some updates on CampSpot and brought up an issue with whether a slide at one of the parks needs to be looked at.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by G. Fournier, seconded by B. Fournier, voice vote taken, passed with unanimous support. Adjourned at 7:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Osmer, Acting Secretary

Alpena County Parks Commission