

# Mandan Park District

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## Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

The Board of Park Commissioners met on Monday, January 12, 2026, at City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW, in the Bosch Froelich Room.

### Attendees:

Park Commissioners: President Wade Meschke, Vice President Miles Mehlhoff, and Commissioner Jen Froehlich.

Legal Counsel: Attorney Arlen Ruff

Park District Staff: Cole Higlin

President Meschke called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. CDT.

### Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

None

### Public Communication:

Rick Tentis shared his feelings on e-bikes on our trails. Mr. Tentis feels that someone is going to get injured as these e bikes travel at speeds of 20+ mph. Executive Director Higlin stated that we have researched this, class I and II e-bikes are legal as they have pedal assist. Unfortunately trying to police it is difficult as people can access the trails from various sections of the trail and trying to report it and have a police officer catch is even harder.

### Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Mehlhoff and seconded by Commissioner Froehlich to approve the December 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

### Item #1

Executive Director Higlin requested approval of the second reading of Ordinance 1056 to adopt the signature threshold for petitions for candidates to the board of park commissioners. Executive Director Higlin stated that NDRPA lobbied for this to be approved at the 2025 legislative session and was approved and made into effect August 1, 2025. Motion by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Froehlich to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1056 to approve candidates of securing 125 signatures for their petitions for board of park commissioners. Motion passes 4-0.

### Item #2

Executive Director Higlin requested approval to advertise for bids for diamonds 11 & 12 to be renovated for synthetic turf. Bids will be opened February 11 and presented to the board at our March board meeting for final approval. The Mandan Baseball Club has agreed to pay for the entire cost of the project. Motion by Commissioner Mehlhoff and second by Commissioner Scott to approve advertising for bids for diamonds 11 & 12. Motion passes 4-0.

### Item #3

Executive Director Higlin stated that the board is required to approve the park districts designated depositories every even years. Motion by Commissioner Froehlich and seconded by Commissioner Mehlhoff to approve the following financial institutions: Starion Bank, Dakota Community Bank & Trust, BNC Bank, First International Bank & Trust, and Bravera Bank. Motion passes 4-0.

### Item #4

Motion by Commissioner Froehlich and seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the monthly bills. Motion passed 4-0.

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The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at approximately 5:42 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Froehlich. Motion passed 4-0.

*Cole Higlin*

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Cole Higlin  
Clerk, Mandan Park District

*Wade Meschke*

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Wade Meschke  
Park Board President









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