

Canaan Recreation Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
5:00 PM - Canaan Town Office

Members Present: Vernon Crawford, Mike Daley, Raelene Begin, Al Buckley, and Norm Flanagan (in at 5:26).

Public Present: Britni Haley (Out at 5:30)

1. Open Meeting

- a. The August 11, 2026 Rec Park Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Vernon Crawford at 5:04 pm.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting

- a. On a motion made by Al Buckley, seconded by Raelene Begin, to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2026, vote 4-0, motion passes.
- b. Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2026 were not presented as the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

3. Discussion/Action Items:

a. Community Concert/250th Anniversary Review

- i. Review of Event with Britni
 - 1. approx 200 people showed despite the weather
 - 2. thank yous have been sent out
 - 3. the stage will begin booking for next summer in October, so next years event and date should be determined soon.
 - a. discussion of maybe combining with Moose Fest in some manner (on 8/28)
 - b. discussion of maybe a fireman's muster
 - c. Britni will follow up with the Chamber of Commerce about moose fest.

b. Splash Pad

- i. The splash pad is back in full working order. Norm got all the parts and pieces to April and she worked with the company to finish troubleshooting the repairs.
- ii. Norm mentioned that the strainers are cracking and one is still missing; will be added to future agenda to determine if we need to place an order.

c. Use of Facilities

- i. On a motion made by Mike Daley, seconded by Raelene Begin, to approve the North Country Chamber of Commerce Use of Facilities request, vote 5-0, motion passes.
- ii. On a motion made by Mike Daley, seconded by Al Buckley, to approve the Canaan Boarder Rider's Snowmobile Club Use of Facilities request, vote 5-0, motion passes.

d. Murder Mystery Dinner

- i. Canaan Naturally Connected requested that the Rec Park Committee partner with them to host a Murder Mystery Dinner.

1. Dates of Nov 13th or 14th were put forward by CNC.
2. The Rec Park Committee indicated a willingness to join together for this project; members were interested in the Friday night date if feasible.

e. Budget Review

- i. A review of the budget was completed

f. Other Business

- i. Porta Potties were discussed for the Meadow Lot during the upcoming softball tournament. Members indicated that it is necessary to have them pumped throughout the tournament weekend as 1 porta potty is not sufficient for the volume of campers.
- ii. On a motion made by Raelene Begin, seconded by Mike Daley, to ratify the email vote from August 1st, vote 5-0, motion passes.
 1. A vote was made to approve labor and materials to make an emergent repair to a leaking water fountain in the park.
- iii. Softball Tournament
 1. Initial review indicates a profit of approx \$700 for the camping fundraiser.
 2. Big thanks to April for taking over handling the porta potties and trash for this.
 3. A plan is needed moving forward regarding who will be in charge of trash pickup.
- iv. Vern Crawford is retiring off of the committee after a great many years of dedication. He asked that the committee look into getting the tennis net fixed and suggested that another dance fundraiser is held.

g. Sign Warrants

- i. Warrants were signed: AP 15-26 \$36.00; AP 16-26 \$101.69

4. Next Meeting Date

- a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sept 8, 2026 at 5:00pm.

5. Adjourn Meeting

- a. On a motion made by Raelene Begin, seconded by Vern Crawford, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53, vote 5-0, motion passes.