

City of Buffalo City – Recreation Committee Meeting
May 19, 2026
6 pm at the Buffalo City Park

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman George Fuller. Also present: Mayor Ben Holien, Hank Rollinger, City Superintendent Eric Mann and City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt. Citizens present: Carol Burmiester, Gena and Bob Kriesel, Mark Bestul, Karson Lentz, Linda Clark and Terry Hegeman.

River Valley Pickleball group has been raising funds for new courts. Would like City to consider two options other than the hockey rink area for courts. One option just south of the current tennis courts was measured out so the committee could see it's footprint. The other option the group likes would be on top where the current volleyball court sits. Committee discussed all options with those in attendance. Committee members noted they did not like removing the trees south of the tennis court. They also felt moving the volleyball court was counterproductive when there is a location by the rink that would be ideal. They felt the ground is ideal there. Fuller told the group the city would guarantee that the court would not be used as a skating rink the in the future to ease their concerns about freezing water on the courts. Holien added that there is lighting already in that location so they would not need to add an electrical service if lights were wanted in the future.

After much discussion, Kriesel said if the council can assure the court would not be used for a skating rink they would be more willing to put their money into the court in that area.

Motion Fuller, second Holien to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.
Respectfully submitted for the Recreation Committee,

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer