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Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 24, 2026 – 6:00PM
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: BJ Popielasz, Jamie Burns, Pat Dempsey and
Members Absent: Tim Sadick and Jamie Yakushewich
Others Present: Jeff Barlya

ITEM #1: Meeting called to order by the Chariman
First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance
Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Approve minutes of the previous meeting
Motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2026 meeting

Motion: Pat Dempsey		Second: Tim Sadick
Vote: 5- Yes	0-No	0-Abstain

ITEM #4: Old Business
Turf Field: Further discussion regarding the fee schedule will take place at the October meeting.

ITEM #5: Public Comment
Jeff Baryla, 129 South Main Street, Trail Manager, Secretary of the Beautification Commission, and Advisor to the Conservation Commission, provided an update on maintenance efforts at Gary Park. He discussed the removal of invasive knotweed near the basketball court and explained that additional cutting was postponed due to heavy rainfall, accelerated growth, and concerns about disturbing native pollinators. He noted that DEEP recommends completing cutting by the end of August and that further removal efforts are planned for late October.

Jeff also discussed native plant growth, ongoing trail restoration efforts throughout Seymour, and drainage concerns near the baseball field during heavy rainfall. He suggested potential drainage improvements and recommended that Public Works evaluate the issue. Jeff will email photos to Public Works Director, Frank Gabianelli.

ITEM #6: Public Works Director Report
None.

ITEM #7: Parks and Rec. Director Report
None.

ITEM #8: Parks Commission Chairman Report
No items to discuss at this time.

ITEM #9: Other Business
None.

ITEM #10: Public Comment
None.

ITEM #11: Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Submitted by,

Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary