

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sue Anderson.
2. Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Violet Hornick, Diane Motiff, Kim Reifsteck, Casey Sowle; Also Present: Jeremy Wusterbarth/Superintendent of Public Works & Parks
3. **Reifsteck motioned for approval of Agenda; Motiff called second. (5 Ayes M/C)**
4. **Approval of Minutes from 2/4/2026 was motioned by Reifsteck with a second by Motiff. (5 Ayes M/C)**
5. Public Input: None.
6. Correspondence: Parks updates:
 - Copper Culture- no addition
 - City Park and Campground- The majority of stumps have been removed. There will be placement of a new sign ahead. Driving through the north end gives a new vision of the park: presently it is being considered. If it happens it will be announced on the WEB. April 29th will hold the 6th grade Arbor Day event: *Swamp White Oak*, *Hackberry*, and *Blue Beech* and a few Maple trees will be planted: approximately 20 trees in all: a few additions will be planted within the City. The Superintendent also will repair a culvert.
 - Freedom Park- no addition
 - Holtwood Park- Mother Nature is in a 7-county flood mode. Nevertheless, throughout winter months the trailer has been updated. Also new fire pits and a stage/pavilion are in the planning. Shawn Porath and his H. S. classes could come to the rescue.
 - Wusterbarth has been looking particularly into flow-through splash pads (Plans will be presented in the future. Lifeguards and daily chlorine checks, timed/computer generation, motion activation, a property plan, maintenance and labor monitoring, and cost factor/funding will be addressed in the future.) and a potential dog park (within City limits off VanHecke Ave: see handout). The DOT does have a Grant available for these additions. Motiff suggested a dog park be self-funded: Wusterbarth agreed.
 - Wusterbarth also stated that the Coordinator of Winter Wonderland achieved the event without City negatives: commendable. That Committee is seeking funding for a new Wonderland trailer and event additives.
 - Reifsteck was interested in seeking Grants: Wusterbarth noted that Recreational Grants are available yet we need more pre-planning. Anderson promoted Jaime Johnson to perform said search. Perhaps she too would be interested in this Committee.
 - Anderson announced the end of Movies in the Park. She will see that all items established for it are re-purposed. It has been disappointing to see lack of citizen support as it was established 20 years ago. Poor attendance outweighs the cost factor (all food was sold @ cost): for example, it would cost \$775 to operate the movie purchase alone. (Anderson funded most of the movies and needs.)

- Sharp Park- no addition
- Bond Park- no addition

7. The motion for approval of Accounts Payable from January 30, 2026 to April 7, 2026 in the amount of: Parks \$17,669.77 and Holtwood Campground \$16,377.35 was called by Motiff with a Reifsteck second. (M/C)

8. Revenue & Expenditures Guidelines from 2026 & Revenue and Expenditure Histories were once again viewed with no additions by the Committee.

9. Next Meeting Date/Time: **Wednesday, May 13 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Anderson resigned. She wished the City success in its efforts toward positive advancement.

10. Follow-Up List: None.

11. Motiff summoned adjournment at 6:25 p.m. Reifsteck witnessed the second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl