

# GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD

## MINUTES

April 15, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President, Norm Combs.

### ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:** Norm Combs (President), Shawn Brady (Vice President), Mike McCurdy (Secretary), Lisa Limberg, LaTisha Robinson, Shannon Davies (Director)

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Becky Gray, Mike Switzer, Brian Bray (Aldermen Liaison)
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Lisa Limberg, seconded by Mike McCurdy to approve the February 11, 2025 regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
- c. **CANCELLATION OF NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:** No action

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** Shannon provided/discussed YTD Revenues and Expenditures for the first month and a half of 2025. Some of the bigger expenses for the start of this year were for ground pre-emergent and fertilizer as well as some plumbing repairs at the football field complex.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Shannon state that they will be coordinating the installation of the new flagpole out at the site. This will be for the Space Force flag.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
  - i. No report.
- b. **Park Land Dedication Ordinance** – Shannon Davies
  - i. The next steps for this are to reach out to local developers/builders/real estate agents for their feedback and awareness. A public hearing will then need to be held at a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.
- c. **Design Services for City Facilities** – Shannon Davies, Lisa Limberg, LaTisha Robinson
  - i. The Bond initiative for a new City Hall and Community Center on the April 8<sup>th</sup> ballot failed.

- ii. With new members being elected to the Board of Aldermen, City administration is going to wait until the new board is in place before they start discussing the next steps and which direction we need to go.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Park Board Vacancies/Application Review** – Board Discussion/Vote
  - i. We currently have 2 vacant seats on the Park Board and will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> once Lisa Limberg takes her oath of office for a Board of Aldermen seat later this month.
  - ii. We have two residents (Darin Chance & Tyler Wells) who have submitted applications for the Park Board and those were reviewed at tonight's meeting.
  - iii. The motion for Darin Chance to be appointed by the Mayor to the Park Board was rendered by Norm Combs. First by Lisa Limberg/Second by Shawn Brady. Motion carried.
  - iv. The motion for Tyler Wells to be appointed by the Mayor to the Park Board was rendered by Norm Combs. First by Mike McCurdy/Second by Shawn Brady. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**a. Operational Updates**

- i. Park Maintenance staff completed the enclosing of Shelter 4. Now we can use it for much needed storage space.
- ii. We are still seeking candidates for our new Park Maintenance Worker position. We have conducted several interviews and even made an offer to one candidate, but have yet to fill this position.
- iii. Spring, Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball is in full swing with practices starting in late March. Games will begin in early May.
- iv. With most of the federal grants that we receive, it is required to have at least one city employee be a certified LPA (Local Public Agency). This is usually the City Engineer, but with that position currently vacant and a brand new Community Development Director, Shannon Davies was sent to that training at MoDOT and is now the City's LPA.

**b. City Updates**

- i. City Job Vacancies: We are still looking to fill the Park Maintenance Worker, City Engineer, and Fleet Mechanic positions. We also have posted our seasonal positions.
- ii. With the recent Board of Aldermen elections, Lisa Limberg was elected in Ward 2 replacing Alderman Mills and James Myers was elected in Ward 1 replacing Alderman Cleaver. Alderman Bray ran unopposed in Ward 3.
- iii. The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events**

- i. Learn to Play Bridge (Thursday's)
- ii. Spring Karate (started 2/11)
- iii. Mini Munchkins (2/12)
- iv. Little Mover's and Groover's Dance (4/5)
- v. Preschool Player's Soccer (started 4/12)
- vi. Operation Egg Hunt (4/12)

**d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events**

- i. Community Garden – Plots currently available to rent.
- ii. Archery Clinic (4/18)
- iii. Youth Pottery Class (4/26)
- iv. Beyond Gentle Yoga (starts 5/31)
- v. Tennis Lessons (starts 6/2)
- vi. Swim Lessons (starts 6/2)
- vii. Water Aerobics (starts 6/2)

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Park Land Dedication Ordinance
- c. Design Services for City Facilities
- d. Art in Parks, Trails, Downtown Corridor
- e. Integrating Mental Health in Parks

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lisa Limberg to adjourn, seconded by Shawn Brady. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next regular meeting: Jun 17, 2025