

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
June 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Norm Combs.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norm Combs (President), Shawn Brady (Vice President), Mike McCurdy (Secretary), Becky Gray, Mike Switzer, LaTisha Robinson, Darin Chance, Tyler Wells, Lisa Limberg (Aldermen Liaison), Shannon Davies (Director)

Welcomed new members Darin Chance and Tyler Wells.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:**
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Mike McCurdy, seconded by Shawn Brady to approve the April 15, 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 few months of the fiscal year. Some of the bigger expenses so far were related to maintenance of the Butterfly Trail Pond.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Mike Switzer stated that the coring has been completed for the new, Space Force flagpole. The installation of the new flagpole will be completed by the end of next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. No report.
- b. **Park Land Dedication Ordinance** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon is in the process of getting feedback about this plan from local developers, builders, realtors for buy-in, but to also see if any changes need to be made to the proposed draft.
- c. **Design Services for City Facilities** – Shannon Davies, Lisa Limberg, LaTisha Robinson
 - i. At this point in time, there have not been any further discussions by the Board of Aldermen regarding another funding initiative for new city facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Art in Parks, Trails, Downtown Corridor** – Group Discussion
 - i. Shannon stated that he is not real familiar nor has any experience with Art in Parks programming, but thought that this would be a nice amenity to our public spaces. Shannon stated that he would need help from Park Board members or perhaps a Park Board sub-committee to get the ball rolling.
 - ii. Tyler Wells stated that Jackson County Parks + Rec. has art in their and stated that he could look into how they got their program started and who they obtain the works of art from.
- b. **Integrating Mental Health in Parks** – Group Discussion
 - i. Again, Shannon stated that this would be something great to integrate within are park areas, but would need help from someone with expertise in this field. Shannon asked LaTisha Robinson to set-up a meeting with him to see what can be developed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. **Operational Updates**

- i. We have identified a candidate for the new Park Worker Maintenance position. He will be going through the onboarding process and plan to have him start in late May.
- ii. The Spring, Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball season will conclude at the end of this month.
- iii. The bid opening date for the Buckner-Tarsney Trail project is June 25th. For the SW Eagles Parkway trail project, we are currently looking at properties that will require some level of easement acquisition before the trail can start construction.
- iv. The pool is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, May 24th. Staff are currently re-painting areas in the pool basin before they start filling.
- v. On April 7th, Community Center Manager Jim Meyer witnessed one of our community members in distress while using our fitness center. Jim jumped into action and used our AED to establish his pulse and heart rate and continued to administer care until EMS arrived. Great job Jim!

b. **City Updates**

- i. City Job Vacancies: We are still looking to fill the City Engineer and Fleet Mechanic positions.
- ii. GVPD's Camp Focus: July 28-29

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Community Garden – Plots are available for rent.
- ii. Archery (4/18)
- iii. Youth Pottery (4/26)
- iv. Beyond Gentle Yoga (starts 5/31)
- v. Tennis Lessons (start 6/2)
- vi. Swim Lessons (start 6/2)
- vii. Water Aerobics (start 6/2)
- viii. Summer Fitness Membership Special

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Popsicle in the Park (6/17)
- ii. Relax & Restore (6/24)
- iii. Beyond Gentle Yoga (starts 6/28)
- iv. Preschool Player's T-ball (starts 7/12)
- v. Little Movers & Groovers (starts 7/19)

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Park Land Dedication Ordinance
- c. Design Services for City Facilities
- d. Armstrong Park Shelters Update

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mike McCurdy to adjourn, seconded by Shawn Brady. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Next regular meeting: August 19, 2025