

# GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD

## MINUTES

August 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Vice President, Shawn Brady.

### ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:** Shawn Brady (Vice President), Becky Gray, Mike Switzer, LaTisha Robinson, Darin Chance, Tyler Wells, Shannon Davies (Director)

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Norm Combs (President), Mike McCurdy (Secretary), Lisa Limberg (Alderman Liaison)
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Mike Switzer, seconded by LaTisha Robinson to approve the June 17, 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 current fiscal year. Some of the larger expenditures included concrete work for the addition of a new flagpole at the Veteran's Tribute and Jerry Jones playground safety inspector recertification.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Mike Switzer thanked the Parks division for the getting the Space Force flag installed.

### 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. Shannon requested that this gets removed from recurring agendas. However, as the need arises, this gets placed back on the agenda under "Old Business."

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Armstrong Park Shelters Update** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Shannon stated that late next month, park maintenance with the assistance of public works staff will begin tearing down Shelters 2, then 3, and then Shelter 1 last at Armstrong Park in preparation for the new shelters that will be erected.
  - ii. The department has blacked-out all shelter reservations to the public during this timeframe.
  - iii. New shelter construction will begin in early October with the completion target at the end of October (weather dependent).
- b. **2026 Budget Prep** – Group Discussion
  - i. Shannon provided the board with the proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year for review and discussion.
  - ii. The focus of this discussion was around capital purchases and capital improvements for parks and trails.
  - iii. The Board of Aldermen formally adopts the Parks & Recreation Budget. That board has a budget workshop with City staff on October 14<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed budget.
  - iv. Shannon will bring back any and all feedback from that workshop to the Park Board at October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**a. Operational Updates**

- i. Fall Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball: Shannon provided an update on registration #'s for this program. We have 340 total kids registered.
- ii. Trails Update: Both the Buckner-Tarsney Trail and the SW Eagles Parkway trail projects will carry over into 2026. MoDOT recently made some changes to the TAP funding requirements that has delayed the projects. Also, there have been some easement acquisition delays for the SW Eagles Parkway trail project and for the Buckner-Tarsney Trail project, we had no bidders when the project was posted back in June. We will re-bid this project in late August.
- iii. Pool Update: With school back in session, the pool will only be open to the public on weekends through Memorial Day. Revenues have maintained this year and in some areas like “Day Passes” we have seen an increase.

**b. City Updates**

- i. City Job Vacancies: We have filled the Fleet Maintenance Technician position. For the City Engineer position, the City is contracting with a headhunting firm to try and garner interest in this position.
- ii. Grain Valley Fair: Scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

- iii. GVPD's Night Out on Crime: Scheduled for September 26th

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

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

**d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events**

- i. Dog Paddle Day (9/2)
- ii. Fall Karate (starts 10/7)
- iii. Youth Pottery (11/15)

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Armstrong Park Shelters Update
- c. 2026 Budget Prep

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mike Switzer to adjourn, seconded by LaTisha Robinson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next regular meeting: October 21, 2025