

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
December 16, 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), Mike Switzer, LaTisha Robinson, Darin Chance, Shannon Davies (Director)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Becky Gray, Tyler Wells, Lisa Limberg (Alderman Liaison)
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Mike Switzer, seconded by Shawn Brady to approve the October 21, 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 new shelter related costs in Armstrong Park, including roll-off dumpsters rentals for the shelter demolition and electrical supplies for the new shelters. Also included were the title report costs through Stewart Title for the 16 parcels where temporary easement and/or right-of-way will need to be acquired for the SW Eagles Parkway Trail project.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. No report.
- b. **Armstrong Park Shelters Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. All three new shelters have been completely installed with new concrete pads. Park staff have backfilled/seeded/strawed all three shelters as well.
- c. **2026 Budget Prep** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon stated that the Board of Aldermen approved and adopted the 2026 Budget at the last meeting that took place on December 8th.

- d. **Park Ordinance Review** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon stated that our City Attorney is currently reviewing our existing park ordinances and will provide feedback on those areas in our coded that need to be either expanded or provide more detail, as well anything that we should consider both adding and deleting.
 - ii. This will be on the agenda for several future meetings to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Planting Options at Veteran’s Tribute** – Shannon Davies
 - i. We have been receiving complaints from the community and people that use Butterfly Trail that the wildflowers we have planted around the Veteran’s Tribute looks unsightly and out-of-control and detracts from the site.
 - ii. Park Maintenance is going to look at other options to replace the wildflowers that look more aesthetically pleasing but also serve as a geese deterrent.
- b. **2026 Park Board Elections** – Group Discussion/Vote
 - i. Norm Combs opened nominations for President. Mike McCurdy nominated Shawn Brady. There were no other nominations. Shawn Brady was elected as the 2026 Park Board President by acclamation.
 - ii. Norm Combs opened nominations for Vice President. Darin Chance nominated Tyler Wells. There were no other nominations. Tyler Wells was elected as the 2026 Park Board Vice President by acclamation.
 - iii. Norm Combs opened nominations for Secretary. Mike McCurdy nominated LaTisha Robinson. LaTisha Robinson nominated Mike McCurdy. A vote was taken. LaTisha Robinson was elected as the 2026 Park Board Secretary.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

a. **Operational Updates**

- i. 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 have delayed the projects. Also, there have been some easement acquisition delays for the SW Eagles Parkway Trail project.
October 29th was the bid deadline for contractors for the Buckner-Tarsney Trail project. We received 6 bids. The low bidder was INCO USA, llc. at the bid price of \$387,044.58. We plan to move forward with this contractor and get the contract approved at the January 12, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting.

- ii. Park Vandalism: Last month, we had a vehicle (pick-up truck) purposely ram his vehicle into one of the parking lot light poles on the north side of the community center. This caused the pole to break away from the pedestal and fall to the ground. We have surveillance footage of the incident, and the police are investigating it. We will make a claim and turn this into our insurance. We plan to prosecute the individual fully as the driver (in his teens) has been spotted and stopped (along with 2 of his friends that also drive pick-up trucks) driving off-road and tearing up our park grounds as well as doing donuts in our parking lots.

We also caught two men transporting copper by foot from one of the industrial businesses located east of the community center. They were piling it up behind our community center dumpster in the parking lot because that provided vehicular access for them to load the copper into their truck. We also have surveillance footage of this. A police report was also filed.

b. City Updates

- i. Downtown Spooktacular: Was held on October 24, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- ii. Mayor's Tree Lighting & Holiday Festival: Was held on December 4, 6pm-8pm

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Preschool Players Basketball (started 11/1)
- ii. Youth Pottery (11/15)
- iii. Mini Munchkins (11/19)
- iv. Storytime with Mrs. Claus (12/8 & 12/15)

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Mini Munchkins (12/17)
- ii. Winter Fitness Membership Special (12/1 – 1/31)
- iii. Candy Cane Hunt (12/20)
- iv. Create & Paint (1/24)
- v. Cold Blooded Critters (1/31)
- vi. Father-Daughter Valentine Dance (2/7)

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Armstrong Park Shelters Update
- c. Park Ordinance Review
- d. Planting Options at Veteran's Tribute

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Darin Chance to adjourn, seconded by Mike Switzer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Next regular meeting: February 17, 2026