

PARK BOARD

September 8, 2025

The September 8, 2025 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Jon Blackburn, Acting Chairperson. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Erin Smith, and Bill Sturgeon. Jennifer Banta, Dean Leonard, and Kate Niederkohr were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Laura Wines, Pool Co-Manager; Janeen Heilman, Pool Co-Manager; Lonnie McMillan, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 11, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Park Board members discussed the conditional \$500.00 bonus for the pool managers to be paid at the end of the swimming pool season, as set by the Park Board at their March 10, 2025 meeting. Mayor McColly indicated that Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, requested the Park Board be as specific as possible as to what constitutes the conditions for the bonus. Mayor McColly stated that he remembers discussions about social media and outreach being part of the conditions for the bonus. It was noted that due to a lack of quorum any decision on this matter will have to be addressed at a future Park Board meeting.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the Battle of the Badges was held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 in Harrison Smith Park and the Parks Department employees prepared the park for the event.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the Splash Pad was closed for the season on Monday, September 1, 2025, with the waterlines to be winterized on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Mr. Niederkohr stated that the surface of the Splash Pad was repaired in the spring of 2025 and the surfacing is not sticking anymore and he is looking into various resurfacing options including rubberized coating squares.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that the Parks Department employees have been working trimming trees.

It was noted that set-up for the Winter Fantasy of Lights will begin on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

Mayor McColly stated that the final swimming pool report will be presented at the next Park Board meeting with this year's loss projected to be under \$10,000.00 compared to last year's loss of \$29,403.75.

Mayor McColly reported that City Council adopted Ordinance No. 33-14 at their September 2, 2025 meeting which eliminated the 16% allocation from the City's income tax collections to the Parks Department for the remainder of 2025.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that at the end of the swimming pool season Mr. Carson Orians scuba dived into the pool and found two substantial water leaks that will be repaired in the spring of 2026.

Due to a lack of quorum, the Acting Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Jon Blackburn, Chairperson