



PARK & RECREATION MEETING Minutes of July 2, 2025

The Park and Recreation Board met at the Alexandria Community Park on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Karen Minshall Fred Hollmann Rick Carr Daniel Phirman

Also Present: Andy Schabell, Mayor David Plummer, City Administrator
Kim Wagner, Recreation Director Carey Franks, Recreation Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 7, 2025

MOTION: Rick Carr made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2025 meeting, seconded by Fred Holman. Motion passed 4-0-0.

VISITORS and GUESTS: Mark Bessler & Marti Bessler

Mark Bessler presented his idea of a bridge over the spillway on the lower dam to restore a continuous loop that existed before work on the dam was completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Surveillance Camera Update: Mrs. Wagner presented two proposals for new security cameras. Discussion included making sure the benefits of the security system were greater than the cost, the possibility of Wi-Fi at the park to enable cameras at more locations and for park users to access as well, and alternatives such as trail cameras. The topic was tabled to allow for more brainstorming and to move on to other agenda items.

Street Sign Update: Six brown street signs have been purchased to help direct traffic to the park and should be installed this month.

Park Survey Update: Mrs. Franks updated the Board with some trends from the survey. The top additions requested to the park were a splash pad or water park, pickleball courts, a dog park and more playground equipment.

Discuss/Update Bylaws: The topic was tabled to allow for discussion of other agenda items.

Fishing Derby Update: The fishing derby had a good turnout with 128 participants registered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Replacement for Park Board Member Vacancy: Dawn Warner and Nick Sears introduced themselves to the Board and expressed their interest in serving on the Board. The Mayor will try to have a selection made by the July 17 Council meeting.

Recreational Director Update: Mrs. Wagner said she is looking into the contract for landscaping services at the park. She said that no muskrats were caught, and they would try again in the fall. Mrs. Wagner also updated that the grant money had been received, so the shelter project could be closed out.

City Administrator Update: Mr. Plummer updated the Board that the pickleball courts were scheduled to open July 11 pending a meeting with the contractor to discuss the spots holding water. He also added that the trouble spots on the lake path have been repaired with efforts to reduce the erosion.

Agenda items for next Meeting:

- a. Bylaw Review
- b. Security Cameras and Wi-Fi
- c. Dog Days Planning
- d. Halloween Walk
- e. Budget Update
- f. Pickleball Opening Event
- g. Ideas generated from survey results
- h. Dam Walkway & Regulations
- i. Recreational Director Update
- j. City Administrator Update

COMMUNICATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rick Carr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fred Hollmann. All were in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

Attested to and submitted by:


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk


Karen Minshall, Chairperson

Dated 8/6/2025

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