



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

- Members present:

John Coziar
Joe Garson
Marvin Asher
Mark Olson

APPROVAL OF July MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes as written was made by John Coziar, seconded by Mark Olson, approved and carried by all. Minutes will be made official and sent to city for record.

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

- None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Director Wilken & Director Koehnemann discussed the Weinheimer Ceiling and light project. The meeting room is complete, new adjustable goals installed, ceiling is complete, and the intended lights were installed. The installed lights are not bright enough, so a new style is on order and will be installed as soon as possible.
- Glik Park parking lot is about 85% complete. We have a punch list for the contractors, but overall it is a wonderful improvement to the park.
- Director Koehnemann shared information regarding the new athletic field painter that was purchased this past fall and the lease details in regards to the annual payment split by the City and the different organizations that use the fields. The first payment was paid by the HYBSL organization, but the park crew was able to save a lot of man hours already this fall on the soccer and football field.
- Director Wilken gave an update on the KRC maintenance this past August with the slide and play feature was refurbished, gym floor new coat of wax, and the desk removal in fitness. Still have several large projects planned for spring of 2026.

- MEPRD Grant was officially awarded so the Spindler Park Pickeball court will go out for bid early in 2026 with a goal completion date of April 30th.
- The department was given the largest amount at the award banquet and in the foundation history. Besides the KRC operation check, the Muny Band was also awarded funding for new chairs.
- The Young at Heart shuttle continues to be an asset to the community, but the ACT grant may not be available for personnel expenses so the department may need to find additional sources of funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The discussion on naming rights continue to be discussed, but our workload is still too heavy to make an official resolution with guidelines in the near future.

NEW BUISINESS

- The design for the Spindler Park Trail Pocket park was provided. The Rotary was able to secure a grant in addition to the MEPRD Special event grant to assist with the funding.
- Directors Koehnemann & Wilken have started meeting with potential playground contractors to design and plan for an updated playground at Glik Park. The plan is to use the 2026 PEP funding towards this large improvement. The department also plans to apply for a PEP loan for new cycling bikes as we did in 2017.
- A short video and designs were shared for the National Fitness Campaign to add an outdoor fitness court outside of the Korte Recreation Center. A lot of positive feedback, but additional funding is needed besides the Blue Cross of Illinois grant.
- 2026 Meeting Dates were decided – January 20th, April 21st, July 21st, and October 20th with a 6pm start instead of a 7pm start time.