

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
PARK OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 5, 2026**

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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on August 5, 2026 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: William Heistand, Andrea Hamilton, Dominic Lambert, Kade Frizzell, Issac Morton, Shelly Powers, Lou Potter (Oversight & MMI), Terry Johnson (Oversight & MMI).

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

OTHER VISITORS:

Parks and Recreation Ben Amburgey, Deputy Chief of Police Scott Brown, Germantown City Manager Judy Gilliland, Finance Director Pat Shirley, Deputy Finance Director Randy Stiver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the June 3, 2026 minutes.

Mr. Morton moved to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Deputy Chief Brown asked the board to consider banning motorized bikes and scooters from Veteran's park and the basketball court.

Mr. Morton proposed the motion: Signage will be added to Veteran's park to indicate it is a passive park and no motorized bikes or scooters are allowed. Additional signage will be added to the basketball court to disallow any bikes or scooters.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORT:

Experimental parking spots on the grass at Weber Park are being used.

The department has purchased a new mini-excavator and plans to purchase a new attachment that can cut back trees and brush to improve visibility in some key areas.

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MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Heistand reported fall sports are starting practice and there is a lot of activity in the parks again.

Mr. Morton did research on timed auto locks for the park bathrooms to improve access for park users and decrease time demand on park staff. More details will be provided at future meetings.

BUSINESS:

Financial Report – The City Manager, Finance Director and Deputy Finance Director reviewed the Parks budget for 2026 and prior. Discussion was held regarding the parks expenditures and revenues and ways to accurately capture the parks financial situation. The board requested that all park expenditures be included in the park's records rather than deducted from the city's contribution in advance.

Capital Grant Award – The City Manager shared the award of a grant from the state of Ohio to support new fencing for the baseball diamonds, parking at Weber Park, and improvements to the Weber Park concession stand. The city is also waiting to hear back about a Community Development Block Grant that was requested.

MMI Report – Landscaping improvements have been ongoing.

Tennis Court Project – The project was awarded \$400k from the state, adding to the \$350k already fundraised. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Christmas in the Park – The City Manager suggested the park reimagine this event and schedule it to coincide with other downtown events held on Small Business Saturday. The board requested Sherry Henson help organize planning meetings to facilitate this event with the Park Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Morton moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Andrea Hamilton
Park Board Member