

MINUTES OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Lauren Darr at 5:02 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Roll was called with the following attendance noted.

Members Present: Kathi Boyer-Edwards, Lauren Darr, Chris Grode, Becky Hunt, Matt Klopmeier

Members Absent: Glenn Melching, Jerod Merz (arrived at 5:19 P.M.)

Quorum present.

City Staff & Officials Present: Mike Sander (Director of Public Works), Connie Maness (Assistant Planner)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Boyer-Edwards and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Lauren Darr to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

D. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Creekside Park Update

Mr. Sander gave an update on Creekside Park, including that bids were received for the development and that Baxmeyer Construction was awarded the contract.

2. Update on Ladder Toss at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park

Mr. Sander updated the Commission on the Ladder Toss.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Sander updated the Board on the trails, the bridge and the dog park.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan.

After reviewing the plan and general discussion, it was moved by Member Boyer-Edwards and seconded by Member Grode to approve the 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan. The roll call vote was as follows: Member Boyer-Edwards – yes; Darr – yes; Grode – yes;

Hunt – yes; Klopmeier – yes; Merz – yes; Merz – yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

G. STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

As Chairperson Clarke has resigned, election of a new Chairperson is necessary. Motion was made by Member Grode and seconded by Member Klopmeier to nominate Vice-Chairman Darr. On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Election of a Vice-Chairperson was postponed to the next meeting.

H. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Darr entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by Member Grode and seconded by Member Klopmeier. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 P.M.