

MINUTES OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Tuesday, April 22, 2025 was called to order by Chairperson Lauren Darr at 5:00 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Roll was called with the following attendance noted.

Members Present: Lauren Darr, Chris Grode, Becky Hunt, Glenn Melching, Jerod Merz

Members Absent: Kathi Boyer-Edwards, Matt Klopmeier

Quorum present.

City Staff & Officials Present: Lauren Nobbe (Alderman - Ward II), Mike Sander (Director of Public Works), Connie Maness (Assistant Planner)

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Melching and seconded by Member Merz to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**D. PUBLIC INPUT**

Steve Smith stated the following:

- The disc golf tees at Meadow Ridge Park are in bad shape.
- He has applied to serve on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board but has not heard anything.
- The website shows that some of the members terms have expired.

Mr. Sander will have staff look at the disc golf tees. Ms. Nobbe and Mr. Sander will check on both his application and the website.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of proposed Dog Park at Admiral Trost Park

Ms. Nobbe updated the Board on this project.

2. Discussion of proposed Splash Pad at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park

Ms. Nobbe updated the Board on this project.

Ms. Nobbe asked the Board to do the following:

- Assess current parks for items that need attention or modifications that may be

needed.

- Think about how they would like the Board to function.
- Look at existing splash pads and decide what the design of the splash pad should be.

She asked that the Board bring their opinions on these items to a future meeting. She discussed the funding of both of these projects.

### 3. Creekside Park Update

Mr. Sander gave an update on Creekside Park.

#### F. NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### G. STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Sander updated the Commission on the trail.

Election of a new Vice-Chairman. Motion was made by Member Grode and seconded by Member Hunt to nominate Member Melching. On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

#### H. ADJOURN

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.