

MINUTES OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 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, July 22, 2025 was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Glenn Melching at 5:00 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Roll was called with the following attendance noted.

Members Present: Sarah Clarke, Chris Grode, Becky Hunt, Mary Ellen Niemietz, Glenn Melching, Kathi Boyer-Edwards (arrived at 5:07)

Members Absent: Lauren Darr, Matt Klopmeier, Jerod Merz

Quorum present.

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Grode and seconded by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 22, 2025 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. Smith updated the Board on this project. He distributed copies of the Creekside Park Site Plan.

2. Splash Pad Concept Update

Mr. Smith updated the Board on this project.

3. Admiral Trost Park Update

Mr. Smith updated the Board on this project. He informed the Board that the City has an agreement with SWT Design to design a Splash Pad in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park and a "Dog Park" and possible other improvements in Admiral Trost Park. The project manager, Jay Wohlschlaeger, will be at the next meeting to present information on the projects.

4. Discussion of Recommendations/Goals for Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Ms. Nobbe introduced the item and there was discussion amongst the Board on the subject.

5. Discussion of Park Improvements Needed

Ms. Nobbe introduced the item and there was discussion amongst the Board on the subject.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None.

G. STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Sander advised the Board that ladder jacks have been installed at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park and that the trail has been paved.

H. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairperson Melching entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made Member Boyer-Edwards and seconded by Member Clarke. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.