

Park & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

1. **Committee Members Present:** *Mark Parker, Anita Ivey, Travis Brooks, Ameer Dumas, Gene Newkirk, Butchy Newkirk, Linda Daniels, George Lauritson (virtual), Mark Verry, Koala Bennett, John Moore, Melissa Sharp*
2. **Approved Minutes from the Last Meeting:** *A motion was made by Linda Daniels and seconded by John Moore to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2025 meeting as written. Motion carried.*
3. **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1. LWCF Grant

- 3.1.1. *The Land and Water Conservation Funds Grant is open and applications can be submitted through November.*
- 3.1.2. *The grant is a 50/50 grant and the City would like to apply for the grant to pay a portion to build a Pickleball Court between the Skate Park and the Community Center, along with ADA access.*
- 3.1.3. *Estimates for the Pickleball Court are around \$500,000 and the grant max is \$250,000.*
- 3.1.4. *A motion was made by Linda Daniels and seconded by Melissa Sharp to take the approval to apply for the LWCF Grant to City Council for their approval. Motion carried.*

3.2. Ball Field Request

- 3.2.1. *We received a request to rename the Ball Field at the Community Center in honor of a deceased past mayor.*
- 3.2.2. *Soccer field renaming was discussed and the situation that arose when the land was sold.*
- 3.2.3. *It was discussed whether this decision should be made by this committee or if it should be a City Council decision.*
- 3.2.4. *Motion was made by Gene Newkirk to let the Mayor and City Council hear this request and make a decision. Motion was seconded by John Moore. Motion carried.*

3.3. Park Events Calendar

- 3.3.1. *Events calendar was reviewed by the committee.*
- 3.3.2. *The Frog Hill Marathon was added to the calendar for the 1st Saturday in October (October 4) as the marathon begins in Waynesville but, winds through St. Robert from Superior to the Community Center.*
- 3.3.3. *In June, the Route 66 Centennial Celebration was moved to June 6 instead of the 13th because of the FLW event celebrating the Army's birthday. This will also provide a marketing strategy "celebrating Route 66 on 6/6".*

3.4. Members Comments:

- 3.4.1. *Travis commented that during the Veterans Day Parade, the Poppies will be displayed in the Neon Park.*

4. ADJOURN MEETING

*Motion was made by Linda Daniels to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mark Verry.
Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.*