

Park & Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

1. Committee Members Present: *Mark Parker, Anita Ivey, Travis Brooks, Gene Newkirk, Linda Daniels, Walter Reese, John Moore, Mark Verry, Koala Bennett, Evelyn Walters*

2. Approved Minutes from the Last Meeting: *A motion was made by John Moore and seconded by Mark Verry*

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 PICKLE BALL COURT PROJECT

3.1.1. John Moore commented about building plans and if they included bleachers. Mark Parker suggested that the hill that goes up to the community center be utilized and built for that purpose but we were not sure as to the final plans at this time.

3.1.2. The Land and Water Conservation Funds Grant is being submitted. It is a 50/50 grant. The Mayor has sent letters of support to the State Representatives. The Mayor could need online signatures in the future to help show community interest.

3.1.3. The LWCF Committee will meet between December-February to decide. Depending on the outcome, building could start in Spring to potentially later in the year. If the grant is not approved, an alternate plan as to what surface for the courts could be utilized.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. ST. ROBERT SPOOKTACULAR DECORATING CONTEST

4.1.1. Travis Brooks commented the number of registrations as of date which was 3 residents and 1 business and Park Department plans to go around town trying to get more registrations

4.1.2. Gene Newkirk commented that a house on Lensman Ave. had decorated and it should be stopped at and given a registration.

4.1.3. If more registrations are not received, we can make a list of all participating addresses and share them out for everyone to visit.

4.2. VETERANS DAY PARADE

4.2.1. Travis commented that help on the 10th of November to get the Veterans Day Poppies in the Neon Park was needed. May need to wait until the morning of the 11th to display them. Planning on displaying them down both sides of the Neon Park

4.2.2. Keala Bennett asked if the Government Shutdown would effect the color guard and to ensure Cecilia with the Chamber of Commerce had a back up plan. The WHS ROTC also has a color guard that may be able to help.

4.2.3. Walter Reese commented about parking for the event at the old Paul's Furniture parking lot. John Moore commented about the layout of the event and to spread the word to follow entrance procedures to avoid traffic back ups

4.2.4. All other set-up items have been scheduled and we are ready to set up for the event.

4.3. TURKEY TROT

4.3.1. Mark Parker commented that the community center would be needed for the event and for the Park Department to have it ready and available. All other aspects of the event are being done and handled by Melissa Sharp and her group holding the event.

4.4. CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

4.4.1. Keala commented that the Wreaths Across America was the same date and time as the Christmas in the Park and if there was anyway to change the date or time. Travis checked the schedule and due to events at the Community Center there was no other date or time that would work.

4.5. EVENTS CALENDAR

4.5.1. Events calendar was reviewed by the committee.

4.5.2. Corn hole league has been contacted to see if they can run the tournament. Waiting on reply back.

4.5.3. Walter commented to generate interest for the KCBS BBQ Challenge to have an event in the park. Weather has stopped outside events almost every year that we have tried to do another event to draw people in to the BBQ.

4.5.4. Float in Movie event still needs licensing for the event to occur. Linda commented that Agene Best could possibly assist with license or go through MLII Licensing. Linda also asked about making an Adult Swim movie night.

4.5.5. Route 66 on 6/6 could be funded by a grand refund program. More information about the grant is needed so that we can determine if it could cover a blanket 2 day event. Anita Ivey said she will get more information on the grant. It has come to our

knowledge that Lebanon is holding a Route 66 Centennial event on 6/6 and is bringing in a "big name" artist for music. Do we still want to do ours on the same day?

Walter Reese asked if the westbound lane of Old Rte 66 could be shut down for the event. Anita Ivey said she will talk to MODoT to get approval.

4.5.6. Kids Fishing Derby needs leakage of St. Robert Pond to be fixed. Travis will get ahold of the conservation department to see if there is a cost effective solution. Years past City of St. Robert has looked into sealing pond and project was very expensive and steps taken were not successful at sealing any leaks.

4.6. OTHER ITEMS

4.6.1. Anita Ivey commented about doing a Trivia Night at the Community Center during the winter. Linda commented that she does Trivia Nights at the Senior Center and she would help.

4.6.2. Evelyn Walters commented that in August there is Bike Across Rte 66 and Waynesville did it 3 years ago and it brought in over 300 guests to our area. Possible future event for our committee to add this year

5. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

5.1.1 No other comments from committee

NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOV. 5, 2025 @ 3:30 PM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

6. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion was made by John Moore and seconded by Mark Verry

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM