

ROLL CALL:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Shane Staker		Rich Stout	X	Erin Laughlin	X		
Kristin Rood		Erin Monaghan	X	Adam Kofoed			
Jenna Maxson	X	Brian Alatalo	X				
Adrienne Howard							

VOTING

AGENDA ITEM

FOLLOW-UP ACTION

Motion to approve by: Stout	Approve minutes from April 24, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.	All verbal ayes.
Second: Maxson		
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Communications/Open Forum

None.

Staff Updates

--The Senior Fitness Class instructor moved away, the class had a strong following and interest continues, will continue looking for a replacement and members were encouraged to share any contacts they may have.

New Business

--Approve a recommendation to be presented to council by a commission member what the commission would like to see from a P&R perspective addressed in the city’s new comprehensive plan.

2024 Park Master Plan

Large Projects

1. Recreation Center with pool or splash pad
2. Additional trails
3. Connect Cubby Park to Gilbert via a pedestrian bridge

Medium Projects

1. Pickleball/multi-use court
2. Park amenities: shade awnings at Cubby Park, shelters, bike racks, lighting, benches, tables, landscaping, trees, water fountains, bathrooms, playgrounds
3. Amphitheater

Small Projects

1. Programming for all demographics

2. Bike repair/air station
3. Clearing trails in the winter

Member A input:

1. Connecting existing trails/popular sidewalks that are used for walking. And then adding/expanding trails and/or wide sidewalks.
2. A variety of programming for all ages, not just athletics but other leisure and recreational activities.
3. Splash pad.

Member B input:

1. City of West Branch new website, social media, and public engagement strategy plan
2. Recreation Center with Splashpad

Member C input:

1. Rec center with pool/splash pad
2. Park amenities
3. Bike repair station

Member D input:

1. Rec center with splash pad
2. Park amenities
3. Addition trails connecting to what is here already

Pickleball courts, shade awnings at Cubby Park and a bike repair/air station are in the works for the next year to 18 months. After great discussion all 4 members verbally agreed to the following three items to present to council by Erin Monahan at the July 7 council meeting:

1. Committing land, drawing plans and collecting bids for a rec center with splash pad
2. 1-2 year trails expansion plan
3. A second Parks and Rec employee with the emphasis being to expand programming

--Name the pocket park at former Casey's location, 311 E Main St.

All 4 members verbally agreed to Mural Park after discussion of other options and future plans for the location. Mural Park reflects the name most commonly used by the public due to the prominent West Branch mural. Members are open to revisiting the name in the future as the space continues to develop. Future plans discussed included an ability to play movies on a screen, have short-term miniature vendor spots and a sensory park.

--JH girls soccer

Jose coached 11 boys this spring with 2 scrimmages against Tipton. JH girls will not have an option to play through Kickers this spring, may have found a solution for both the girls and boys. Jason Witt, already works with NL & Coralville P&R, he gets 70% and city keeps 30% of fee, paid coaches, he does all the work after registration, willing to modify based on WB's needs. He can only offer support to West Branch Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 this fall. All 4 members verbally agreed with moving forward in this collaboration.

Comments from Park & Recreation Commission and staff

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN	Stout
SECOND	Alatalo
ADJOURN TIME	8:51 PM