

ROLL CALL:

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

VOTING

AGENDA ITEM

FOLLOW-UP
ACTION

Motion to approve by: Stout	Approve agenda.	Approved with a vocal Aye from all
Second: Alatalo		members.
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Motion to approve by: Alatalo	Approve minutes from July 24, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.	Approved with a vocal Aye from all
Second: Rood		members.
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Staff Updates

1. Concession Contract

- a. Contract with Willy Guy was terminated due to poor performance. Erin will run the concessions for the 6 weeks of adult slow pitch. Will need to find a new agreement for spring. Lion's Club may be interested, will be presented later this year. Staker asked what the time commitment was which would be weekend tournaments and most nights of the week for a few hours in the evening. Staker asked what the monetary part of the agreement is which has been for The City to get 10% of gross sales. Rood suggested asking the Boosters if they are interested. Staker asked about alcohol which is not sold, adults are allowed to bring their own. Stout asked what tournament sales have been, WB Club Softball Grossed over \$2,000 is three Friday evenings

2. Hoover-Ball Results

- a. Just over 200 participants with 132 being youth and bringing in just shy of \$4,000. Exhibition game was a success and will look to continue this going forward as the warm up to the women's

and men's championship games. Have already presented the idea to the Iowa Heartlanders but continue thinking of other ideas or connections we can use.

- b. Laughlin asked if the commission would like to renew the contracts with HPF and MSWB and to keep them at 1 year or to extend them. Commission did not have a strong opinion on the length of the agreement but supported continuing after this year's success.

3. TAP Grant

- a. ECIA (Eastern Central Intergovernmental Assoc) has been contracted to apply for a TAP grant on behalf of the city for the 1,600 feet of trail along the HS/MS property along Main Street that will connect to the trail from Johnson County. The current plan is to collect bids and start construction in 2026 and complete construction in 2027 along with Johnson County.

4. Fall Programs

- a. In the June meeting we agreed to move forward with contracting with Jason Witt for junior high girls fall soccer as the replacement for Iowa City Kickers. This registration has since been opened up to 5th through 12th grader boys and girls as well as shared with Tipton and still only 4 registrations so the program has been cancelled. Will try again in the spring and Rood suggested opening that up to girls as well.
- b. 1/2 grade flag football numbers are very low for a second year. Many are choosing to play in the Red Zone league in Iowa City. Last year I had the 18 participants spread among the PK/K teams and received a little dissatisfaction from parents. This year there are no volunteer coaches among the 1/2 grade group so they will again be combined with PK/K. Laughlin asked if we want to continue offering this age group, mix with PK/K, only offer 1st grade?

New Business

1. Fall Fest

- a. Saturday October 4th 5-7 will again work with Whitney's Wings on the pumpkin patch and craft in Village Green. Laughlin asked if there is any preference to markers or paint on the pumpkins. Rood and Alatalo both agreed the markers were cleaner and don't have to wait for the paint to dry.

2. Art Guild

- a. Maxson provided a contact for a water color class that Laughlin will get in contact with. Laughlin has reached out to one business that does craft classes but had not heard back yet. Monahan mentioned a contact in Cedar Rapids. Rood suggested reaching out to Kelsey Lynch about doing a class. Alatalo discussed the growing interest in learning art. Rood mentioned contacting Cotton Creek Mill. Rood brought up that the old P&R Facebook page still does not appear to be shut down. Laughlin said she will remind Kofoed of this request again.

3. Youth Basketball

- a. Last year the HS coaches offer to assist with youth basketball and we did 4 Sundays of 'clinics' with K-2 graders together but split by gender. This had mixed response, some did not like that there weren't actual games. Any preferences to what is done with K-2 graders? Alatalo and Rood said old style was similar to t-ball, soccer and flag football with a short season on Sundays, the first week or two is skills then about 4 weeks of scrimmages with parent coaches as officials and with 2 courts at the same time in the elementary gym. It went good and split Pk/k and 1/2 grade but all coed. Rood suggested to check when wrestling tournaments are to avoid overlap.

Comments from Park & Recreation Commission and staff

Positive feedback from community members about seeing the annual report.

Country line dancing happens to already be coming to Town Hall days after Rood had suggested it as an idea for the department.

Monohan suggest a Facebook post seeking community members that may be interested in hosting a craft class.

Rood asked about older age basketball to which Laughlin confirmed P&R will still do boys 3/4 and 5/6 with that registration coming out soon through the Lone Tree league. The girls are done by a community member.

Rood asked about doing indoor adult volleyball. Laughlin will look into gym availability Sundays or Wednesdays after the new year for coed. Stout mentioned looking at using the Scattergood gym again a well.

Laughlin is on vacation during the September meeting so the next meeting will be October 23rd.

MOTION TO ADJOURN	Rood
SECOND	Stout
ADJOURN TIME	7:57