

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Date: 1/22/2026 Time: 7:32PM

ROLL CALL:

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

VOTING

AGENDA ITEM

FOLLOW-UP
ACTION

Motion to approve by: Stout	Approve 8/28/25 meeting minutes.	Approved with a vocal Aye from all Members.
Second: Alatalo		
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Motion to approve by:	Nominate _____ for Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2026.	This vote was moved to the next meeting with the number of members unable to be In attendance.
Second:		
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Motion to approve by:	Nominate _____ for Vice Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2026.	This vote was moved to the next meeting with the number of members unable to be In attendance.
Second:		
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Motion to approve by:	Nominate _____ for Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2026.	This vote was moved to the next meeting with the number of members unable to be In attendance.
Second:		
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		

Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Communications/Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

Staff Updates

Art Guild so far has had a painting class in November with 9 people that charged \$25 and cost \$25, a wreath making class in December with 8 people that charged \$35 and cost \$30, and a watercolor class was advertised for a Sunday in January for \$50 but was canceled due to only 1 registrant. Monahan felt the advertisement made the class appear to be about learning not that you got to take a product home but with an actual guild it might be more successful. Currently working on scheduling a class with Michaela Wolfram for a freezer meal kit class in February. Monaghan said the wreath making teacher is interested in doing another class this spring. The art guild interested form has received 9 responses thus far. When asked what the commission would like to do next towards getting the guild moving forward Monahan felt it was time to get people together maybe after the next class and have the Vinton member come back to help with that discussion.

Cubby shade sails have been ordered for installation this spring on either side of the pavilion. They will be sails that come down in the winter. Monaghan asked how sails were selected for a project. They had been listed by the commission on the Park's strategic plan as a park amenity to plan for and council has in passing supported the idea but officially did not make the decision. Also discussed that in this years budget will be getting bike repair station at Hoover Nature Trail and temporary bathroom stall

Concession contract with Jamie Tucker for the Cubby Park concession stand was approved by council 1/5/26. Will not put tournament reservations on the calendar until they have paid which has to be within 10 business days of their event. Jamie gets a stocking fee of \$40 if they cancel after that time. We may want to consider a deposit option the next time we review our fee schedule.

Swim lessons are returning June 8-19 in Tipton who will offer a session just for WB with a bus from WB and 3-4 paid support staff. Do we want a separate sign up to cover or help cover the cost of a bus and staff? Agreed that an additional \$10 fee for our costs was appropriate.

Spring and summer registrations will open beginning of February for 5/6 track, PreK, K soccer, PreK, K t-ball, 1-2 machine pitch, 3-4 travel softball, 3-4 travel baseball, 5-6 travel softball, 5-6 travel baseball, hoover-ball, spring break camp, swim lessons, Easter Egg hunt

Lion's Pickleball complex design was approved by council 12/1/25 and they plan to begin construction March 1st. We do not have a timeline on their construction but once the new courts are open the old court will get painted.

Discussion

Mural Park Imaging While working on this year's budget Mural Park started getting some attention including a privacy fence on the North side of the park which can eventually be a mural. City Administrator was asked about the former Mexico Lindo building and said as long as council doesn't push for it he will not seek possession of the building. In spring 2024 Main Street West Branch had Main Street Iowa put a concept together for Mural Park but it included a connection to the neighboring building. Have looked into some stand along play features that are sensory or sound themed with a woodsy or bear theme. The design provided

suggested turning the Main Street parking into parallel parking, using planters and bollards, a wayfinding kiosk, strand lighting, canvas shade awning, lamp posts matching downtown. Priced out turf at \$140,000 and rubber tiles at \$122,000. Starting this spring the lawn will start to be treated.

FY27 Budget overview Beranek Park playground will need replaced in the next few years but this next year we will replace the sand with mulch. Alatalo felt that making the playground attractive to kids is part of selling this area to families. Monaghan felt the playground would be important to the developments and developers in the area. Will bring pricing on specific features late summer or fall to consider for the next budget to keep making progress on Mural Park. Budget will be presented to council Feb. 2nd with the big items being painting the current pickleball court at Cubby Park, redoing some landscaping at Cubby Park, laser leveling the Cubby Park fields, cameras at Beranek Park and concreting part of the trail that remains at Beranek Park.

Comments from Park & Recreation Commission and staff

It was just recently shared with the Parks department that Adam Kofoed put money in the current budget to rehab the gazebo at Heritage Square and the items in the middle will be placed in a local museum.

February 2nd the budget will be presented to the council at 5:30 which is during elementary open gym 5:45-6:45, Jenna Maxson offered to be present at open gym in my absence.

MOTION TO ADJOURN	Stout
SECOND	Alatalo
ADJOURN TIME	8:44 PM