

**Seymour Parks & Recreation Department**  
**Board Minutes**  
**June 8, 2026, at 4 pm**

Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Gary Green, Kendra Zumhingst, Bill Castetter, and Ryan Chandler. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Allycen Wheeler, Kerry Bevers, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance were City Council member Chad Hubbard and community member Cheyenne Jordan..

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Kendra and seconded by Gary. Motion carried. A motion to approve the May claims was made by Kendra and seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503–9 May balances. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

**Updates:**

- Chad presented a copy of what the honorary plaque for Art Juergens will look like. The plaque will be 12”x16” in size. We have received an initial quote of a little over \$700 and are currently seeking additional quotes for comparison. We are also obtaining quotes for an outfield windscreen in Art’s memory. The windscreen will display the name ‘Juergy Field’.
- Chad reported we received the first pool chemical expense invoice since implementing the new system, and the cost was higher than anticipated. A representative from Spear Corporation conducted a chemical analysis of the pool and determined that the pH and alkalinity levels were working against each other. As a result, we have been using more acid pellets than necessary. Adjustments have been made to the system. Another analysis will be performed next week to verify the changes are effective and help reduce the cost of supply.
- Chad shared that the Westside Park splash pad is currently not operational and has not yet opened for the season due to a broken UV sensor. A replacement sensor has been ordered, but it is expected to take approximately 2-3 weeks to arrive. Once the sensor is replaced, we will get it inspected by the Board of Health and collect a water sample. After the inspection and testing has been approved, the splash pad will be open to the public.

**Park Incidents:**

- None at this time.

**Program/Leagues Update:**

- Pool Free Swim- This program is sponsored by the Jackson County Health Department and takes place every Tuesday night during the pool season from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 250th Celebration Free Swim- Free swim nights will be offered on June 21, July 3, and July 4 in honor of the 250th celebration of the United States.
- Power of the Praise Bands- This is a free event held at Crossroads Park. The first concert for this season is on Friday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m.

- Pop-Up Party- This event will take place at Westside Park on June 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The FOP will be providing hot dogs, chips, water, and slushies. There will be a bouncy house for entertainment and the splash pad will be running.
- Cars & Guitars- This is a car show and a concert event. It will take place downtown Seymour on June 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pre-registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. If you register the day of, it is \$25 and no t-shirt. Bad Medicine will be performing from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will also be a silent auction held for the event.
- Freedom to Dink Tournament- This event will be held June 26 through June 28 at Gaiser Park. There are seven different categories and it is \$2.50 per player or \$5.00 per team. Games will begin at 8:00 a.m. each morning.
- Stars, Stripes, & Strides 5K- This event will take place on July 4 at Freeman Field Recreational Complex. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the race will start at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration cost is \$30 and that includes a t-shirt.
- 4th of July Band & Fireworks- This is a free event held at Freeman Field Recreational Complex. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bands include; Sydney Sleadd and The Swarm and Honey White. Fireworks will begin at 10:00 p.m. The concession stand will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will offer a variety of food, drinks, and snacks.
- Youth Kickball League- Registration is now open through June 19. It is \$20 per child and that includes a t-shirt. Age requirement is 5-15 Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in July at Kasting Park. Game times are at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Foam Happy- This is a free event and will take place at Shields Park on July 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Fall Soccer League- Registration is now open through July 31. Games will be played at Freeman Field Recreational Complex. It is \$20 for tots ages 2-3 and \$30 for U6-U16 ages 4-15. Price includes a t-shirt.
- 6th Annual Seymour Swing Putting for Parks- This event will take place at Shadowood Golf Course on August 7. There are currently 15 teams signed up and there is room for 32. We are still looking for more teams and more sponsors for the event.

#### **Reservation Requests:**

- MaryAnna Garrett with 180 RCO has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on September 26. This is for their first “Rock for Recovery” event fundraiser. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI. This is a non profit organization and it was requested the fee be waived. Kendra made a motion to accept the rental request as presented. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ready or Not Ministries has requested to reserve Crossroads Park from July 27 to August 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is for an evangelistic community outreach. The organization requested to place a large tent that would require staking into the ground. The request was reviewed and noted that the rental agreement prohibits the use of stakes due to the underground irrigation system. Although the organization offered to provide insurance coverage for any potential damages for up to six months, the Board acknowledged that similar requests have been denied. Alternative park locations without irrigation systems were offered; however, the

organization declined those options. Kendra made a motion to turn down the rental request due to it not meeting the guidelines for Crossroads Park. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Chad thanked the entire Parks Department staff for their hard work during his absence over the past several weeks. He expressed his appreciation for efforts in ensuring that operations continued to run smoothly.

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, at 4 p.m.