

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
May 12, 2025, at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, May 12, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Bethany Rust, Kendra Zumhingst, Gary Green, and Art Juergens. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Kerry Bevers, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance was Mayor Matthew Nicholson.

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

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

Updates:

- Chad mentioned he submitted the permit required for us to operate the Splash Pad at Westside Park to the Jackson County Health Department. We plan to have the Splash Pad running by Memorial Day weekend.
- Chad brought up the City Pool Project and handed out the expected layout of what it will look like once construction is finished. He mentioned there will be new mechanics installed, a new play area, a new concession stand area, a rental area, and new restrooms added. Mayor Matthew Nicolson spoke about the bond process we will be going through to fund the project.

Park Incidents:

- Chad showed images of an incident that happened at Freeman Field Recreational Complex on April 19. He explained a child had been warming up for a baseball game diving for a ball and landed on an uncovered ground socket which injured the child's knee. Counter measures have taken place by adding caps to the sockets and adding dirt around them to ensure they are ground level.

Program/Leagues Update:

- National Kids to Parks Day- This event will take place on Saturday, May 17, at Shields Park from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. There will be a bouncy house and we will be serving hot dogs, chips, and water. This is a free event for the community.
- Summer Volleyball League- Registration for this league is now open through Wednesday May 14. Games will begin the week of June 3, 2025. The cost is \$185 per a team of 6 players and \$15 for each additional player. There are currently 40 teams signed up.
- Summer Pickleball League- There will be 2 leagues, beginner and intermediate. The cost is \$100 per 4 player team and \$15 for each additional player. The beginner league will be held on Tuesday evenings at Gaiser Park, beginning at 6 p.m. The intermediate league will be held on Wednesday evenings at Gaiser Park beginning at 6 p.m. The leagues will begin the week of June

3, 2025. There is currently 1 team signed up for the beginner league and 6 teams signed up for the intermediate league.

- Fearlessly Brave 5K Woods Warrior Run- This event is being held at Freeman Field Recreational Complex on June 13, 2025, beginning at 9 p.m.. Pre-registration is \$30. Day of race registration is \$35 and begins at 8 p.m. This is a walk or run event. There are currently 2 participants signed up.

Reservation Requests:

- Danielle Kaufman representing Team World Vision has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on May 31, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is for a fundraiser. There will be a concert and Junkyard BBQ food truck will be in attendance. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Jordan Richart with Seymour Main Street has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is for their annual free concert known as City Jam. He has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Madison Pifer with Healthy Jackson County Coalition requested to reserve Crossroads Park on September 18, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is for a mental health awareness and suicide prevention community event. There was a conflict with her reservation date and Main Street's reservation date for City Jam. The board did not vote on this reservation as a new date or location will need to be determined. They will vote at a later date if the requesting party decides to keep the event at Crossroads Park.

Miscellaneous Business:

- None.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, at 4 p.m.