

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
June 9, 2025, at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, June 9, 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, Allycen Wheeler, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance was Mayor's Administrative Assistant Jane Hays.

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 Gary and seconded by Kendra. Motion carried.

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

Updates:

- Chad requested approval from the board to spend \$3,737 on two new desktops and a laptop for the Parks Department. Bethany made a motion to approve the quote of new PC's for the Parks Department through N-I-Tech. Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Chad shared that City Council approved a bond for the new pool upgrades. Upgrades will begin at the end of this season and will continue through 2026. When opening the pool this season, a pipe in the kids play area burst. Burch's Sewer and Drain Cleaning repaired the busted pipe and the play area is running as normal.
- Chad announced that the Westside splash pad officially opened for the season on Friday, June 6. He expressed that although there was a slight delay in the initial setup, pushing the opening date back by two weeks, we've addressed the issue and are now moving forward without any further concerns.

Park Incidents:

- None at this time.

Program/Leagues Update:

- 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 24 participants signed up.
- Power of the Praise Bands- This event will take place at Crossroads Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of every month June through September.
- Youth Kickball- Registration is now open. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Kasting Park. The first game is scheduled to start July 8, 2025. It is \$25 to sign up for children ages 5 to 15. Registration is set to close on June 20, 2025.
- 4th of July Show- This event will take place on July 4, 2025 at Freeman Field Recreational Complex. The fireworks are sponsored by Vital Farms and NASH Icon will be partnering with

the Parks Department to play music along with the firework show. The local 812 Band will be in attendance to provide entertainment prior to the firework show.

Reservation Requests:

- Madison Pifer with Healthy Jackson County Coalition requested to reserve Crossroads Park on September 4, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is for a mental health awareness and suicide prevention community event. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Bethany seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Chad presented the new Parks and Recreation Activity Guide completed by a Leadership Jackson County Group. He expressed gratitude to the group for completing the guide and explained his wishes to continue producing the guide each year. Members of the board gave great input for future improvements and additions.
- Kendra mentioned there was a sink hole on one of the trails. Chad informed her that locates had been called in and once those are complete, we will begin the process of repairing the hole.
- Bethany requested that those who have reservations at Westside Park be informed directly if the splash pad is not working at the time of their reservation.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14, at 4 p.m.