

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
July 13, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Gary Green, Kendra Zumhingst, and Ryan Chandler. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Emily Goens, Zoie Cooley, Kerry Bevers and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Mayor Matt and Brandon Rodriguez.

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Kendra and seconded by Gary. Motion carried. A motion to approve the June 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. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Chad informed the board of the role changes within the Parks Department. Emily Goens is the Program Director, Zoie Cooley is the Assistant Program Director, and Allycen Wheeler is the Administrative Assistant.
- Chad mentioned that the wind screen for Kasting Park honoring Art Juergens has come in and we are still waiting on the plaque. The family will be informed once we have everything, and have a date set for the ribbon cutting.

Park Incidents:

- Chad informed the board of the vandalism at Shields, Gaiser, and Kasting Parks. The vandalism took place all within the same week. Extra PD patrol has been requested, and no further vandalism has taken place.

Program/Leagues Update:

- Power of the Praise Bands- This is a free event held at Crossroads Park. The next concert is on August 20, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Foam Happy- This is a free event and will take place at Shields Park on July 17, from 10 a.m. to Noon.
- 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.
- End of Summer Escape- This is a free event that will take place at Shields Park on July 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The FOP will be there providing hot dogs, chips, and slushies. There will be a bounce house, and giveaways for those in attendance.
- 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:

- Brenda Turner with the Jackson County Drug Free Council requested Crossroads Park on August 31 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the International Overdose Awareness Day. 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 that we accept the Jackson County Drug Free Council's reservation request for August 31 for International Overdose Awareness Day. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Monica questioned if the pool chemicals were balanced and Chad said they are a lot better.
- Monica asked if the splash pad was fixed, Chad mentioned that we are still waiting on the rain diverter valve, however, it is functional to the public at this time.
- Gary asked how the concessions were going, Chad said they are going well and we have brought in around \$90,000. Emily reported we have three consistent food trucks in the parks.
- Kendra requested that the trails be cleaned off, Kerry informed that it would be taken care of.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, at 4 p.m.