PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:00 p.m. at Bentley Park Pavilion

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Dennis Mahoney, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Ellen Rodman, Kollin Lienau, Emily Olson, and Carol Anne Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Kevin Maginity

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda for August 27, 2025. The motion was supported by Commissioner Olson. Ayes all, motion carried. `

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Rodman made a motion to approve the minutes for June 25, 2025. The motion was supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Steven McMurry talked to the Commission about his concerns with Curwood Castle Park. Mr. McMurry suggested a guardrail along the wall in the park and suggested eliminating the stairs near Curwood Castle. He said he had talked to local businesses that were willing to help.

Chairman Mahoney stated that the commission strives for safety and asked Amy Fuller to look into Mr. McMurry's proposal.

OLD BUSINESS REPORT: Amy Fuller shared that new scoreboards will arrive for the softball fields in September or October. She said the new signs for Grove Holman and Grand Ave Park have been installed and that the new mural at the skatepark was progressing nicely. Commissioner Rodman offered a power source to help the Harringtons with the mural, and Commissioner Smith offered to spend time planning the fitness course.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Splash Pad: Amy Fuller shared that the First Church of the Nazarene had made a donation to the splash pad project in the amount of $886.17. There was discussion on forming a committee to work on planning the splash pad improvements.

Pickleball Tournament: No report.

Eagle Scout Project: Amy Fuller shared that a Boy Scout was planning on building two new garden beds at Hopkins Lake as part of an Eagle Scout Project. There was a discussion on additional locations to put garden beds. Amy Fuller was asked to get pricing for adding water at Adams Park and Fayette Square.

Student Position on Board: Chairman Mahoney requested that Vice Chair Selbig run the meeting since he had a conflict of interest. There was discussion on the appointment process. Amy Fuller was asked to add creating a more detailed process to the next meeting agenda. Commissioner Olson made a motion to recommend that the Mayor appoint Adeline Mahoney to the Commission. Motion supported by Commissioner Rodman. Motion passed.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The motion was supported by Commissioner Olson. Ayes all, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager