

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD

MINUTES

October 21, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Norm Combs.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norm Combs (President), Shawn Brady (Vice President), Mike McCurdy (Secretary), Becky Gray, Mike Switzer, Tyler Wells, Shannon Davies (Director)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** LaTisha Robinson, Darin Chance, Lisa Limberg (Alderman Liaison)
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Shawn Brady, seconded by Mike Switzer to approve the August 19, 2025 regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
- c. **CANCELLATION OF NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:** No action

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** Shannon provided/discussed YTD Revenues and Expenditures for the current fiscal year. Some of the larger expenditures included costs to re-wax the community center floors, the Armstrong shelter 1 & 2 parking lots mill/overlay, and a new robotic pool vacuum.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Shannon discussed the complaints they are getting about the native plantings that surround the site. Although they are pretty at certain times during the year, keeping the geese off of the site, and low maintenance, the appearance looks as if we have overgrown weeds around it most of the year, hence the complaints. Shannon said that they are going to look into native grasses that don't grow as tall, still deter the geese, and look nice year round as an alternative.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. No report.
- b. **Armstrong Park Shelters Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Park staff with the assistance of Public Works have demolished and removed the 3 park shelters. The pads have been leveled and ATHCO is out measuring and pouring the footings.
 - ii. As long as the weather cooperates, all 3 shelters with new concrete pads should be completed by the middle of November.

c. 2026 Budget Prep – Shannon Davies

- i. Shannon stated that they had a budget workshop with the Board of Aldermen a week ago. None of the Board members opposed any of the proposed capital purchases and capital improvements within the Parks budget.
- ii. We are looking at using the remaining ARPA funds (\$316,000) to help fund the dredging of Butterfly Trail Lake next year.
- iii. The Master Planning for the 7-acres at Duncan & Dillingham is still planned for 2026, but improvements to that site will not start any earlier than 2027.
- iv. The Board of Aldermen will formally approve the 2026 Budget at the last meeting in November and the first meeting in December.

NEW BUSINESS:**a. Park Ordinance Review – Shannon Davies**

- i. Shannon stated that it is time that we review our current park ordinances for any updates needed as well as new park ordinances that we should consider.
- ii. This will be on the agenda for several future meetings to discuss.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**a. Operational Updates**

- i. Fall Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball: Shannon stated that the last youth baseball/softball games of the season are being played tonight.
- ii. Trails Update: Both the Buckner-Tarsney Trail and the SW Eagles Parkway trail projects will carry over into 2026. MoDOT recently made some changes to the TAP funding requirements that has delayed the projects. Also, there have been some easement acquisition delays for the SW Eagles Parkway trail project and for the Buckner-Tarsney Trail project, we had no bidders when the project was posted back in June. We have since put the Buckner-Tarsney Trail project back out for bid. The bid deadline for this is October 29th.
- iii. Front Desk Staffing Changes: Regarding our P/T front desk evening/weekend staff, we had one recently quit and we are currently bringing on two, new employees, which will bring us to five total.

b. City Updates

- i. Downtown Spooktacular: Scheduled for October 24, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- ii. Drug Take Back & Shred Event: Scheduled for October 25, 10am-2pm.
- iii. Mayor's Tree Lighting & Holiday Festival: Scheduled for December 4, 6pm-8pm

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Dog Paddle Day (9/2)
- ii. Fall Karate (started 10/7)
- iii. Tot time (offered September thru April)

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Preschool Players Basketball (starts 11/1)
- ii. Youth Pottery (11/15)
- iii. Mini Munchkins (11/19)
- iv. Storytime with Mrs. Claus (12/8 & 12/15)

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Armstrong Park Shelters Update
- c. 2026 Budget Prep
- d. Park Ordinance Review
- e. Planting Options at Veteran's Tribute

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mike Switzer to adjourn, seconded by Shawn Brady. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Next regular meeting: December 16, 2025