

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
February 17, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Shawn Brady.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Shawn Brady (President), Tyler Wells (Vice President), LaTisha Robinson (Secretary), Mike Switzer, Darin Chance, Lisa Limberg (Alderman Liaison), Shannon Davies (Director)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Norm Combs, Becky Gray, Mike McCurdy
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Darin Chance, seconded by Mike Switzer to approve the December 15, 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 the final YTD Revenues and Expenditures for the 2025 fiscal year as some revenues and expenses are still trickling in 2-3 months after the fiscal year ends. Some of the larger expenditures since the last meeting included the electrical labor costs for the 3 new park shelters, depth/contour mapping of the Butterfly Trail lake for the dredging project, and subscription renewal of our online registration software.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. No report.
- b. **Armstrong Park Shelters Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Park staff have started forming and pouring the concrete pads for the barbecue grills and the water hydrants for all three shelters.
 - ii. They have also started forming the areas for the new concrete connections from the parking lots to shelters 2 & 3 as well as the pedestrian connection from these two shelters to the main trail loop.

c. Park Ordinance Review – Shannon Davies

- i. Shannon stated that our City Attorney is currently reviewing our existing park ordinances and will provide feedback on those areas in our codes that need to be either expanded or provide more detail, as well anything that we should consider both adding and deleting.
- ii. This will be on the agenda for several future meetings to discuss.

d. Planting Options at Veteran’s Tribute – Shannon Davies

- i. The Parks Department in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Conservation are looking at options to replace the existing wildflowers. We are looking at tall, native grasses that will still look nice, but keep the geese off the site. Shannon will have the specific species of grass that we plan to use at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Armstrong Park Improvements – Shannon Davies

- i. Park staff have started removing some of the old 4’ sidewalks and forming for new 5’ sidewalks (in the same location) that will make pedestrian connections from the main street parking lot to shelter 1, Santa’s House, and the main trail loop.
- ii. They have also started trenching for new water lines to all 3 shelters for future hydrants, which will now allow park maintenance to clean the shelters more effectively and efficiently.
- iii. Shannon also provided some information on the rationale of why we decided to remove the skatepark components in this park to be replaced with pickleball and cornhole courts. There were some recent social media posts from members of the community that disagreed with us doing this, so he wanted to make sure we were all on the same page of the factors and rationale for this decision.
- iv. We currently have the skatepark equipment up for public auction, which will include the purchaser having to disassemble, load and haul it away. Depending on the timing of the sale and removal from the existing concrete pad, we hope to have the pickleball/cornhole facility completed by the end of May at the latest. The quotes from Roy & Sons Fencing and McConnell & Associates for this project were included.
- v. The new rubber, tile surfacing for the swing set area in Armstrong Park should be completed by the end of March (weather dependent). SofSurfaces is the contractor for this project and their quote was also included.

b. Buckner-Tarsney Trail – Shannon Davies

- i. INCO USA is the contractor for this project, per MoDOT approval (because there are T.A.P. funds involved with this project). Once we get MoDOT

approval, we will issue the Notice to Proceed to the contractor. Tentatively, the project should get started in late March.

- c. **SW Eagles Parkway Trail** – Shannon Davies
 - i. We are in the process of acquiring the needed right-of-way (ROW) and construction easements for this project. There are two property owners of the 16 that either refuse to sell us their ROW or aren't willing to work with us. This has resulted in progress delays, but we are working with engineers to relocate it, which will keep the trail off of their property whereby not needing their ROW.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Operational Updates

- i. Park Vandalism: Just an update on the individual that purposely backed his truck into one of the community center light poles snapping it in half. That individual was contacted by police and charged with criminal damage to property and leaving the scene of an accident. Our insurance will cover the damages, but we will try to recover as much of these costs from this individual.
- ii. CPG Grant: Jerry Jones was able to secure \$2,685.00 grant through Community Program Gardening. This funding will cover costs to replace the wood for the garden boxes and some new garden soil.
- iii. Pool Management Contract: We are in the process of renewing the pool management contract with Midwest Pool Management for another season.
- iv. Spring Leagues Season: Registration has been open for about a month for the upcoming Spring season for t-ball, girls softball, and boy's baseball.
- v. Seasonal Employment: We are currently hiring for our seasonal, summer positions.
- vi. 2026 Missouri Parks and Recreation (MPRA) Conference: Shannon Davies, Jerry Jones, and Brandin Hallier will be attending this conference next week.

b. City Updates

- i. City Engineer position: The City is having a hard time getting applicants for this. This position has been vacant for about a year now. We have one applicant interview this Thursday.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Mini Munchkins (12/17 & 2/11)
- ii. Candy Cane Hunt (12/20)
- iii. Create & Paint (1/24)
- iv. Cold Blooded Critters (1/31)
- v. Father-Daughter Valentine Dance (2/7)

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Community Garden Plot Rentals (starts 3/9)
- ii. Mini Munchkins (3/11)
- iii. Archery (3/18)

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Armstrong Improvements
- c. Park Ordinance Review
- d. Planting Options at Veteran's Tribute
- e. Buckner-Tarsney Trail
- f. SW Eagles Parkway Trail

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Darin Chance to adjourn, seconded by LaTisha Robinson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next regular meeting: April 21, 2026