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BLUE SPRINGS
PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES OF PARK COMMISSION, JULY 7, 2026

MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the Park Commission of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., located at The Carson Ross Community Recreation Complex, Blue Springs, Missouri with the Chairman Tony Lopez presiding.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Tony Lopez – Present 2/2

Ken Horrell – Absent 1/2

Debbie Canfield – Present 2/2

Brittany Boswell – Present 2/2

Nick Tepesch – Present 2/2

Greg Markway – Present 2/2

Kyle Legg – Present 2/2

Randy Cooper – Present 1/1

Liaison – Councilmember Ericson

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Justin Stuart

Mary Herrington

Derek Mayden

Daniel Sack

Michael Cox

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

The regularly scheduled monthly parks commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Greg Markway and seconded by Ken Horrell to accept the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 2026 Meeting – Included in packet. Approved with amendment correcting minutes indicating Ken Horrell's absence from the June meeting.

3. VISITORS/CORRESPONDMENTS

4. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

Mary Herrington presented on America 250 week. During the week, various activities took place including concert in the park featuring the Heritage Philharmonic, planting of the Liberty Tree, Hero Academy Rotary Park ribbon cutting, popsicles at the park, and story time in the park. The week concluded with the expanded Red, White and Blue Springs celebration at Young Park.

5. FINANCES

Included in the packet.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Staff shared their monthly operations report.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tony Lopez introduced the newest Park Commission member, Randy Cooper.

8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Ericson expressed the Park Commission is a great commission to be on. He appreciates staff's responsiveness to comments or issues.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Justin gave an update on the Master Plan and discussed an upcoming priority list regarding implementation. He gave updates on the Park Sales Tax projects and stated the Rotary Park playground officially opened at the end of June. He explained planning for Southwest Park is moving along and the park will be completed in phases, with the event venue being done first. Paving at Central Park is complete

10. NEW BUSINESS

Justin shared goats from "Goats Gone Green" will be helping clear grass at Woods Chapel park. Over forty goats will be on-site for 60 days.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

Justin explained July is National Parks and Recreation month and July 17th is Park and Recreation professionals Day. We will be celebrating staff with an ice cream bar at Vesper Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Brittany Boswell and seconded by Greg Markway. The meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m.