



City of Green Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Board

February 5, 2025 / 6:00 pm / CAB

I. Call to Order

Chair Jennifer Foster called to order the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board at 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 2025.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Foster, Shawn McDaniel, Dan Pollock, Michael Griggs

Also Present: Mike Elkins, Administrator Park Planning & Development
Valerie Wax Carr, Service Director
Ava Scott, Student Municipal Representative
Alexa Groen, Student Municipal Representative
Celia Otterstetter, Student Municipal Representative
Johanna Gooding, Division Secretary

Absent: Chrissy Kuznik, Parks Board Member

a.) Introduction of Zack Kaufman. Z. Kaufman is currently a recreation programmer for the City's Parks and Recreation Division. He was recently named the new Operational Manager at Community Courts

IV. Approval of Minutes

January 8, 2025 Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Shawn McDaniel
- Second: Dan Pollock
- Vote: Unanimously approved

V. Citizen Comments

a.) **Jeremy Brueck, Green Lacrosse Club** - M. Elkins provided an overview of field preparation and the City of Green's support for Lacrosse and Football. M. Elkins then introduced President Jeremy Brueck of the Lacrosse program. J. Brueck described when Lacrosse began and the use of facilities and monetary support the City of Green offered. He spoke about Lacrosse's equipment and the need for storage for their game goals, the different age/grade groups for Lacrosse, and their relationships with surrounding communities. J. Brueck also discussed raising funds for equipment and uniforms. He provided information about the level of [physical] contact in Lacrosse. He also talked about officials, in regard to the lack of officials, when they are used, and the cost increases involved when using them. J. Brueck discussed the times offered to students for playing, availability, and number of sports each student can play. Conversation further ensued.

b.) **Jeffrey Lewis and Tim Dodd, Football** – M. Elkins provided an overview for the history of the football league and introduced Tim Dodd, President of Green Youth Football, along with Jeffrey Lewis, City Liaison. J. Lewis provided a handout of points of discussion, along with a list of positions in Youth Football, which is available online as well. T. Dodd stated there will be upcoming changes in the future with the positions. He described the partnership with the City and gave a breakdown of what students are qualified to participate in and the areas of leagues they play with. T. Dodd went on further describing volunteers, code of conduct, safety equipment, tackling option descriptions, enrollment numbers, and comparisons of the enrollment over time. He further discussed their vision, along with needs and support as well.

J. Lewis also spoke about the partnership with the city, equipment, and the new building. He mentioned the movement to Ariss Park has been a huge help for them. Conversation further ensued with J. Foster, V. Wax Carr, and M. Elkins on topics of, providing additional exits at the park, funding, and programs for fields.

Flag football topics were discussed between T. Dodd, D. Pollock, and J. Lewis. Conversation ensued.

The topic of equipment replacement and reconditioning were discussed with J. Lewis, M. Elkins, and T. Dodd. Conversation ensued.

c.) **Rugby** – Rubby was not present at this meeting. V. Wax Carr notified the Board they will see if Rugby can provide a written report or Rugby may be attending a future monthly meeting. She additionally notified the Board that soccer and basketball are scheduled to come in at next month's meeting. Basketball will be more involved at the Community Courts and she would like the Board to become more familiar with them. April will be baseball, softball, and the challenger league in April.

VI. Administrative Reports

a.) Service/ Parks & Recreation –

Tentative Schedule of Events: V. Wax Carr referenced the recreation report, which has a full schedule of tentative events. An additional concert where the NEO Jazz Group will be performing on June 22, 2025.

Fee Updates for Programs and Facilities: Prices have been updated. V. Wax Carr stated prices have been updated and she will send a form outlining the updated rates and adjusted availability of rental time blocks for facilities, days of week categories, along with resident and nonresident differences in pricing. Nonprofits and other group tier rates, along with the criteria involved were also mentioned. There will continue to be discussion regarding multiple topics on community courts. Z. Kaufman is available for additional questions. More information will be forthcoming as well around the end of February. Additionally, fee structure and types of programming are being looked into and reviewed for community courts.

The Boettler Park Basketball Court Rebuild: M. Elkins stated the original budget was \$100,000. An additional \$10,000 has been added as a contingency. An ADA Compliant pathway is being planned from the parking lot to the basketball court and continue to the entry drive to the main parking lot. S. McDaniel inquired about lighting for the basketball courts, which M. Elkins replied. Conversation ensued.

Wayfinding Signs and Willadale Trail Update: M. Elkins asked for feedback on the wayfinding signs from the Board. S. McDaniel gave positive feedback on signs and Willadale Trail. M. Elkins additionally gave an update the completion of Willadale Trail will be between early March to the end of April this year.

Questions for Community Court: S. McDaniel inquired about the fees for Community Courts. Z. Kaufman responded and conversation ensued on this topic.

b.) **Council – None.** J. Foster inquired about new Council Committee assignments for the Environment and Parks, to which M. Elkins provided the following information: Chair is Rick Miller, Vice-Chair Justin Speight, and Member being Barbara Babbitt.

VII. Planning & Zoning – None.

VIII. Unfinished Business – None.

IX. New Business – None.

X. Adjournment –

Chair Jennifer Foster adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jennifer Foster, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Johanna Gooding, Secretary

Date