PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
PARK OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on September 2, 2026 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:
The following members were present at the Call to Order: Wiliam Heistand, Dominic Lambert, Kade Frizzell, Shelly Powers, Terry Johnson (Oversight & MMI)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrea Hamilton, Isaac Morton and Lou Potter were absent.

OTHER VISITORS:

Parks and Recreation Ben Amburgey, Germantown City Manager Judy Gililand, Finance Director Pat Shirley, Deputy Finance Director Randy Stiver, Sherry Henson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the August 6, 2026 minutes.

Mr. Lambert moved to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Deputy Chief Brown asked the board to consider banning motorized bikes and scooters from Veteran's park and the basketball court.

Mr. Morton proposed the motion: Signage will be added to Veteran's park to indicate it is a passive park and no motorized bikes or scooters are allowed. Additional signage will be added to the basketball court to disallow any bikes or scooters.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORT:

Staff reported that an additional Lions Club bench was installed on a new concrete pad at the Weber Park playground, bringing the total to four benches.

The board discussed vehicles parking on park grass. Parking remains prohibited except in designated areas, and annual reminders are sent to the local athletic organizations.

Electronic restroom locks remain under consideration. Installation may occur during the winter shutdown so the locks are ready by spring. The estimated upfront cost is approximately $1,000 per lock and could reduce the roughly $7,000 currently spent annually to manually open and close the restrooms.

The nonfunctioning water fountain near the Kercher Park concession stand was discussed. If replaced, mounting the new fountain on the concession building may simplify plumbing access and winterization. The board also requested additional research into an ADA-accessible swing at Veterans Park, including accessibility and surface requirements.

MEMBER REPORTS:

None.

BUSINESS:

Proposed 2027 Budget

City Staff presented the proposed 2027 Park Fund and Park Capital Fund budgets. Estimated combined revenues were approximately $502,050, with approximately $493,640 in expenditures and a projected combined ending balance of roughly $8,400. The proposal remains subject to internal review and possible reductions before being presented to City Council.

The primary increase in operating expenses resulted from assigning the appropriate employee costs to the Park Fund to more accurately reflect the actual cost of operating the parks. The Park Capital Fund includes approximately $237,600 in proposed expenditures for:

* Kercher Park fencing
* Phase-one parking expansion
* Hydroseeding the soccer fields
* Concession stand and infrastructure repairs

The board requested an inventory of the Kercher Park fencing so repairable sections can be retained and additional funding potentially directed toward the more urgent concession stand and sewer issues. Members also discussed creating long-term reserve funds for major future park repairs and improvements.

Christmas In the Park

Sherry Henson provided an update on the downtown holiday event scheduled for November 28. After discussing whether to combine events, the board reached consensus to continue the traditional Christmas in the Park event at the depot on December 12.

The Park Board will begin planning to include reserving the depot and parade route, confirming Santa and Mrs. Claus, coordinating the horse parade and Lions Club refreshments, obtaining any required parade permit, arranging decorations and entertainment, recruiting volunteers, and improving advertising. Additional assignments and promotional plans will be finalized at the next meeting.

The five-year MMI improvement plan is nearing completion. A gravel walking path is being constructed with a base suitable for future paving. A reopening and park christening are tentatively planned for spring or fall of next year.

Park signage addressing bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters is being developed. Proposed signs will be reviewed with the police department and presented to the board before ordering.

The board discussed recent social-media claims concerning pickleball facilities. The board clarified that no complete pickleball complex proposal is currently before it and that park funding is ultimately controlled through the city's budgeting process.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Morton moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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Andrea Hamilton
Park Board Member