



**LEE'S SUMMIT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

DATE:	July 23, 2025	TIME:	6:00 PM	PLACE:	Strother Conference Room
Board Members Present:		Board Members Absent:		Staff Present:	
Lawrence Bivins		Samantha Shepard, Vice President		Joe Snook	
Nate Zier				David Dean	
Mindy Aulenbach				Steve Casey	
Jim Huser, President (virtual)				Tede Schantz	
Casey Crawford				Devin Blazek	
Jon Ellis, Treasurer				Jodi Jordan	
Kathy Campbell (virtual)				Brooke Chestnut	
Wesley Fields				Steve Thomas	
				Scott Ison	
				Nate Thomas	
SPECIAL GUESTS					
CITIZEN COMMENTS					
Carmen Scholfield		Ms. Schofield discussed the lack of shade at the dog park. She stated there needs to be a place for the dogs to cool off. And, when they bring their kiddie pools it helps the dogs cool off. She stated the dog parks are great but the lack of pressure on the spray ground and shade is concerning. She is there twice a day. She stated she moved to Lee's Summit because of the dog park, specifically Dogwood.			
Terri Huismann		Ms. Huismann stated, there are four or five people with kiddie pools who take them and now bring them home because parks staff have been taking them and throwing them away. She wants to know if it could be brought and used.			
PRESENTATIONS					
2nd Quarter Employee of the Quarter		Mr. Snook recognized the employee of the quarter, Nate Thomas. He stated Mr. Thomas does a great job with Night Flight and oversees the fitness and childcare at Lovell Community Center.			
DISCUSSION (Findings/Conclusions)					
RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS					
AGENDA ITEM					
Approval of Minutes – • June 25, 2025, Park Board Minutes		Supporting documentation (see pages 2-4).			
Treasurer's Report – June 2025, Report		Supporting documentation (see pages 5-14). Mr. Ellis read the treasurer's report. No questions or discussion.			
Sales and Use Tax Report – June 2025		Supporting documentation (see pages 16-17). Mr. Blazek reiterated context of the memo regarding the financials. With all reports combined we ended the fiscal year ahead on the Sales and Use Tax reports.			
BOARD APPROVAL ITEMS					
Legacy Lake Dredge Contract		Supporting documentation (see pages 18-19, 81-278). Ms Chestnut stated that staff has reviewed the bids, and Magruder Construction Co. Inc. is the lowest and best bid. Staff recommend to proceed forward with them. Mr. Bivins asked what the total cost would be. Ms. Chestnut stated the cost of business with Magruder will be just shy of 1.3 million.			
		Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the Legacy Lake Dredge Contract to Magruder Construction Co Inc.; Mr. Fields seconded. Motion carried unanimously.			



OLD BUSINESS		
Projects and Services Review	Supporting documentation (See page 20-35) Mr. Snook said there are two fiscal years provided. The remainder of FY25 and the beginning of FY26 (July). Mr. Fields asked when the anticipated Longview Master Plan would be completed. Mr. Snook said it is the pickleball complex that is behind schedule.	No Board Action.
Mouse Creek Trail Project Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 36-39). Mr. Casey said there has been a lot of progress. Over 90% complete on [project construction and design documents] and will be ready soon to advertise. Mr. Casey said staff anticipate bringing the project to the Board for approval in October/November. Mr. Fields asked if there would be any issues in completing the project within the grant deadline. Mr. Casey said no, the deadline is October 2026.	No Board Action.
Red Hawk Neighborhood Park Development	Supporting documentation (see pages 40-42). Mr. Thomas said the sport court is done, staff formed and poured the sidewalk and installed the drainage tile. The turf contractor will begin installation of the turf next week. Mr. Casey said the address is 2600 SW Oldport Rd. Mr. Zier asked if the project would be completed on schedule. Mr. Thomas said it should be completed by the end of the summer. Mr. Snook said there are challenges with keeping patrons off. Staff will be putting up more signage and construction fence to keep patrons off the site. This park is still a construction site.	No Board Action.
Longview Pickleball Complex Project Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 43-45). Mr. Casey stated it is delayed because of the property acquisition. The contract has been executed and will be issued once we receive a notice to proceed. Mr. Fields asked how many courts would be there. Mr. Casey stated twelve courts.	No Board Action.
Legacy Lake Dredge Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 46-49). Ms. Chestnut stated she will move forward with notification to Magruder. Mr. Crawford asked if we knew where the spoils would be placed. Ms. Chestnut said where the fireworks are set off, on the hill.	No Board Action.
Indoor Sports Complex Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 50-51). Mr. Dean stated the site details have been discussed. The next meeting is tomorrow, and they will begin discussing site designs.	No Board Action.
World Cup Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 52-54). Mr. Snook stated he captured discussion from last month in the memo. And, September 10 will be the Board work session to discuss the World Cup. He asked the Board to send any additional questions to him in the next week so staff can prepare to answer and address those at the September work session. Mr. Fields asked if there are any coordinated efforts with other parks departments. Mr. Snook said not at this time, but will reach out to Eastern Jackson County Departments (Blue Springs, Independence) and trade ideas. Mr. Snook stated security will be a challenge.	No Board Action.
NEW BUSINESS		
2 nd Quarter Safety Report	Supporting documentation (see pages 55-58). Ms. Chestnut said it was a fairly quite quarter. Ms. Chestnut said there was the No Kings Rally at the corner of Chipman and Douglas and it was a large crowd but fairly calm. Mr. Zier said he appreciated the parks staff out there monitoring it.	No Board Action.
Fundraising Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 59-60) Mr. Dean said the sponsorship coordinator is doing a great job in securing sponsors for the department.	No Board Action.
End of Activity Reports	Various Staff (pages 61-72) No additional comments	No Board Action.
PATRON COMMENT REVIEW		
	Supporting documentation (see pages 73-77) Mr. Ellis stated he appreciates the communication on how staff respond to the patron comments. Mr. Ellis said it was nice to see the positive comment on how staff reacted and cleaned up the fireworks at the park. Mr. Snook said it was one of our new employees and he was given a park buck.	No Board Action.
MONTHLY CALENDARS		
Supporting documentation (see pages 78-80) No additional comments		
ROUNDTABLE		
Mr. Crawford said Legacy Blast was good. Mr. Snook said attendance was about 23,000 and the busiest event we have had in several years. Mr. Zier apologized for missing last month's meeting. He appreciates the care that goes into those facilities and complemented the staff on Legacy Blast. He thanked staff for		



continuing to put on Jamaican Jam. Mr. Bivins said he always enjoys Jamaican Jam. Mr. Bivins apologized for missing the June Board meeting. Mr. Huser said he is amazed at the police department and their ability to get the traffic out that quickly. Ms. Campbell said all the things that we offer to the community amaze her. And, it is great to live in a community that staff work so hard to provide these to the community. Mr. Ellis thanked the patrons for the public comments tonight and asked that staff review the comments and suggestions.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Snook said staff completed research on pools at dog parks and found nothing to support this practice at this time; will not allow portable pools at the dog parks. If there is issues with the splash pad, staff will address them. Staff have been made aware of the holes, and they will be taken care of. Mr. Snook said shade is a problem out there and it is a challenge, but staff can look at options. It will take time for the trees to grow to provide shade. Mr. Snook said the last day of camp is Aug. 8. Aug. 9 is All for One at LPA. The last day of Summit Waves is August 17. The pooch paddle will be Aug. 19. Mr. Snook said through the budget process two permanent art pieces will be added in FY26. Ms. Campbell said she would be interested in serving on the selection committee to review the RFQ for the art pieces. Mr. Snook said the city is starting their Charter review process and invites the board to apply if they want to be considered.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm to closed session Mr. Bivins made a motion to move into closed session, Ms. Aulenbach second.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 610.021(2) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration.

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