



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

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

<b>DATE:</b>	October 22, 2025	<b>TIME:</b>	6:00 PM	<b>PLACE:</b>	Strother Conference Room
<b>Board Members Present:</b>		<b>Board Members Absent:</b>		<b>Staff Present:</b>	<b>Other Guests:</b>
Nate Zier				Joe Snook	Brian Garvey
Mindy Aulenbach				Steve Casey	
Jim Huser, President				Tede Schantz	
Casey Crawford (Virtual - Left @6:40PM)				Devin Blazek	
Jon Ellis, Treasurer				Jodi Jordan	
Samantha Shepard, Vice President				David Dean	
Lawrence Bivins					
Wesley Fields					
Kathy Campbell (6:07pm)					
<b>SPECIAL GUESTS</b>					
<b>CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>					
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Employee of the Quarter		Mr. Snook presented Mr. Blazek with employee of the quarter for his efforts over the last few months.			
SFS Architecture- Fieldhouse Schematic Design Review		Mr. Garvey from SFS Architecture presented a design overview of the Indoor Sports Complex. Mr. Snook said they are about 80% complete with the building design. Mr. Garvey described the facility layout, exterior design, and technology. The Board discussed universal bathrooms, meeting spaces, and operations at the Fieldhouse with staff.			
		<b>DISCUSSION (Findings/Conclusions)</b>		<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS</b>	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>					
Approval of Minutes – • September 24, 2025, Park Board Minutes		Supporting documentation (see pages 2-4).		Ms. Shepard made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Fields seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
Financial Update – October 2025		Supporting documentation (see pages 5-23). Mr. Blazek said there will not be a treasures report approved this month. Mr. Blazek stated personnel expenses still do not look right and are communicating with Finance Department to figure out what is going on. He said accurate financials should be available and presented at the November meeting. Mr. Huser asked if our vendors have been paid. Mr. Blazek assured him they have all been paid and the issue is purely reporting.		No Board Action.	
Sales and Use Tax Report – September 2025		Supporting documentation (see pages 24-25). Mr. Blazek stated both are looking strong. Sales tax is about 1% over budget YTD and Use tax is about 6% over budget YTD.		No Board Action.	
<b>BOARD APPROVAL ITEMS</b>					
Nerf Camp/Events- Part Time Position Addition		Supporting documentation (see pages 26-27). Mr. Dean stated this is a new program. Staff determined we need additional staff to help run this program.		Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the amendment of the Part time pay to include the two additional positions. Mr. Bivins seconded. Motion passed	
LWCF Resolution- Bailey Farm Park		Supporting documentation (see pages 28-29). Mr. Casey said staff are preparing to submit an application for grant funding to Support this development. The application is due November 15 for the grant and has a requirement of approval		Mr. Zier made a motion to approve the LWCF resolution for Baley Farm Park Application. Ms.	



	from the governing body attached to it. Mr. Casey has been collecting data through online and in-person surveys to get feedback from the community.	Aulenbach seconded. Motion passed
Legacy Concession Stands Roof Replacement	Supporting documentation (see pages 30-31). Mr. Snook said staff had budgeted to replace all the roofs at the concession venues. After researching roof types, metal roofs were chosen to be put out to bid. Mr. Ellis asked about gutters and color of the roofs. Mr. Carr stated the existing gutters will stay. Mr. Snook stated the roofs will be copper to match with the colors in the area.	Mr. Bivins made a motion to approve the Legacy Concession Stands Roof Replacement bid to Taylor Made Exteriors Mr. Ellis seconded. Motion passed
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>		
Projects and Services Review	Supporting documentation (See page 32-39). No additional comments.	No Board Action.
Mouse Creek Trail Project Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 40-42). Mr. Casey said staff is continuing to work through the land transfer with Hunt Midwest. Once this is completed, an agreement will be brought before the Board for approval.	No Board Action.
Red Hawk Park Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 43-45). Mr. Casey said great progress has been made. There are a few small items remaining. A dedication ribbon cutting is set for November 8.	No Board Action.
Longview Pickleball Complex Project Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 46-48). Mr. Casey stated there has been a lot of progress on this project. The fencing is up and the contractor will begin working on the sidewalk and concrete slabs between the courts soon. The anticipated schedule for opening is early December.	No Board Action.
Legacy Lake Dredge Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 49-51). Mr. Dean said staff is working with the contractor to finalize the agreement. Weather permitting a retention pond will begin to be built next week.	No Board Action.
Indoor Sports Complex Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 52-53). Mr. Dean stated he did not have much more to add. Mr. Huser stated he thought the facility would be slightly larger. Mr. Snook said the square footage we are designing for right now is the biggest we could go with our budget.	No Board Action.
World Cup Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 54-59). Mr. Snook stated he didn't have any additional information to add from the memo. He said he will be meeting with other metro directors in December. Ms. Aulenbach thanked Mr. Snook for the additional review.	No Board Action.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
Synthetic Turf vs. Natural Turf Research	Supporting documentation (see pages 60-63). Mr. Snook stated this was good research to see if anything has changed. With upfront costs of new machinery as well as needing a different water source to cool turf fields since we use lake water to irrigate our natural fields. Staff's recommendation is Natural turf.	No Board Action.
Park Impact Fee Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 64-65). Mr. Blazek stated fees started being collected July 1 and about \$250,000 has been collected for the first quarter of FY26. This is a first look of the report. Mr. Ellis thanked staff for the map and asked if a line could be added for the number of developments. Mr. Blazek said staff could, but it may be confusing for the Board.	No Board Action.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Safety Report	Supporting documentation (see pages 66-69). Mr. Carr stated a quiet quarter. Mr. Snook suggested staff should compare our safety report with the entire city's data to see if their crime data is comparable.	No Board Action.
Fundraising Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 70-71). Mr. Dean stated two additional outstanding payments were collected and a new sponsor has been added.	No Board Action.
NRPA Conference Report	Supporting documentation (see pages 72-90). Mr. Ellis said the reports provided a great overview.	No Board Action.
End of Activity Reports	Various Staff (pages 91-116). No additional comments.	No Board Action.
<b>PATRON COMMENT REVIEW</b>		
	Supporting documentation (see pages 117-121). No additional comments.	No Board Action.
<b>MONTHLY CALENDARS</b>		
Supporting documentation (see pages 122-125). No additional comments.		
<b>ROUNDTABLE</b>		
Mr. Zier said he appreciates all the facilities and sports we have in our community. Mr. Bivins said his brother was very impressed by our parks system. Ms. Campbell said she is looking forward to the end of the month for the mural selection. Mr. Ellis asked about the pond at Chipman and Pryor if it was low because of drought or a leak. Mr. Huser stated it is nice to see the consistency of social media and show what is happening.		



#### OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Snook said the Board retreat is Friday at MCC Longview's new Automotive Institute. KCMPRDA banquet is November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kansas City Zoo, and invites any board members to attend. The naming of the Pickleball Complex is on hold as phase 2 begins, and as part of phase 2 staff will work on the branding. Wednesday, December 10 will be the combined November/December Board meeting.

#### MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm Ms. Shepard made a motion to move into closed session, Ms. Aulenbach second.

#### CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

#### BOARD COMMITTEES

##### Budget

Jon Ellis, Chair  
Wesley Fields  
Kathryn Campbell

##### Personnel

Samantha Shepard, Chair  
Jim Huser  
Mindy Aulenbach  
Jon Ellis

##### Youth Sports

Lawrence Bivins  
Samantha Shepard  
Kathryn Campbell  
Casey Crawford

##### Foundation Board

Mindy Aulenbach  
Nate Zier