



LEE'S SUMMIT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

DATE:	June 25, 2025	TIME:	6:00 PM	PLACE:	Strother Conference Room
Board Members Present:		Board Members Absent:		Staff Present:	
Jim Huser, President		Lawrence Bivins		Joe Snook	
Samantha Shepard, Vice President		Nate Zier		David Dean	
Mindy Aulenbach		Wesley Fields		Steve Casey	
Casey Crawford				Tede Schantz	
Jon Ellis, Treasurer				Devin Blazek	
Kathy Campbell				Jodi Jordan	
Samantha Shepard, Vice President				Brooke Chestnut	
				Steve Thomas	
				Scott Ison	
SPECIAL GUESTS					
CITIZEN COMMENTS					
PRESENTATIONS					
DISCUSSION (Findings/Conclusions)				RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	
AGENDA ITEM					
Approval of Minutes –		Supporting documentation (see pages 2-5).		Ms. Shepard made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Aulenbach seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
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Treasurer's Report – May 2025, Report		Supporting documentation (see pages 6-15). Mr. Ellis read the treasurer's report. No questions or discussion.		Ms. Aulenbach made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for May 2025; Mr. Crawford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.	
Sales and Use Tax Report – May 2025		Supporting documentation (see pages 16-17). Mr. Blazek stated Sales tax and Use tax is still ahead of last year.		No Board Action.	
BOARD APPROVAL ITEMS					
OLD BUSINESS					
Projects and Services Review		Supporting documentation (See page 18-25). Ms. Shepard asked if staff is having a hard time finding instructors for Longview. Ms. Jordan said no, they had an instructor drop several classes and have added new classes. She said Classes are full.		No Board Action.	
Mouse Creek Trail Project Update		Supporting documentation (see pages 26-27). Mr. Casey said easement drawings have been submitted, and permits are being finalized. Mr. Ellis asked if there has been negative feedback. Mr. Snook said, no negative feedback until today.		No Board Action.	
Park West Neighborhood Park Development		Supporting documentation (see pages 28-30). Mr. Thomas said next week the courts will get painted. Playground equipment has been installed, and staff is pouring concrete. Lots of progress is being made.		No Board Action.	



Longview Master Plan/Pickleball Complex Project Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 31-33). Mr. Casey stated a preconstruction meeting was held, and staff is working through the transfer of property. Once completed, construction will begin.	No Board Action.
Legacy Lake Dredge Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 34-37). Ms. Chestnut stated three bids were received and is hopeful a recommendation will be brought to the park board next month.	No Board Action.
NEW BUSINESS		
Park West Naming Options	Supporting documentation (see page 38). Mr. Snook said staff submitted over 60 different names for the park. Staff voted for the top three. Mr. Huser asked the Board to review the names and come to a conclusion on what name they would like for the park. Ms. Campbell asked if we thought about checking in with the homeowners and community in that area. Mr. Huser said he chose to go with staff making recommendations. The Board decided on Red Hawk Park.	Mr. Huser initiated a roundtable vote. Red Hawk was unanimously decided by the Board.
World Cup Discussion	Supporting documentation (see pages 39-42). Mr. Snook shared a presentation to help kickoff future discussions with World Cup information. Mr. Ellis said a couple of questions came up with regards to what LSPR is doing. He stated the LS Goal leadership team has gone through a process of identifying their goals and mission statement. Mr. Snook gave an overview of the metrics including an estimated 650,00 visitors and three team practice facilities. Depending on the teams assigned to our area, we will determine more information about visitors. Through a survey it was identified that Lee's Summit downtown is vibrant, with Amtrak and cultural and recreation attractions. Mr. Snook said World Cup will be used as a theme for LSPR programs. Regular operations will continue with no new events/programs to be added. Tour De Lakes and Night Flight will be moved to May in 2026. Legacy Blast will be held on July 2, 2026. A full LPA season will be held but avoiding the dates of the World Cup. Mr. Ellis stated he thinks this is exactly how to prepare. Mr. Snook said there is potential for camping in our parks. Mr. Crawford asked what is meant by "preparing for camping". Mr. Snook said the current city ordinances don't allow it, so it may be temporarily changed if it is decided. Ms. Campbell said the Board should consider being welcoming to visitors in our city and should think about how we want to do that. She said additional discussions with the City Council and committee need to take place. Ms. Aulenbach said there should be a plan for shelters where campers can go in the event of inclement weather. Ms. Shepard said there is a risk if we don't allow camping if people start doing it anyway. She asked if we don't allow camping, and something happens in a park is there a risk to the board/department? Ms. Shepard stated she has questions as to how many visitors would really be in our community. Ms. Campbell said she would like to see staff talk to another Board or Park Dept. who has large scale events or has hosted something similar, to gather additional information. Mr. Huser said these topics would be good to have a separate work session meeting for discussion on these items. Mr. Ellis said there is a legal committee on the LS Goal team. Mr. Ellis would also like to see this discussion be an agenda item moving forward to keep everyone in the loop. Mr. Snook said it would be important to understand what questions the Board has. He suggested the Board email him their questions/concerns. Staff will then research the answers and come back for a work session with the Board.	No Board Action.
Officer Nominations FY26	The Nominating Committee led by Ms. Aulenbach met. Ms. Aulenbach thanked the officers for serving this past year. She stated the committee would like to offer the same slate of officers for 2026. Mr. Huser as President, Ms. Shepard as Vice president and Mr. Ellis as Treasurer.	Ms. Aulenbach made a motion to accept the slate of offers as presented. Ms. Campbell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Fieldhouse Update	Supporting documentation (see pages 43-44). Mr. Dean said everyone is excited to get it kicked off with the first meeting tomorrow.	No Board Action.
End of Activity Reports	Various Staff (pages 45-58) No additional comments.	No Board Action.
PATRON COMMENT REVIEW		
	Supporting documentation (see pages 59-80) Mr. Crawford said the Board should have a discussion in the future about turf on the infields at the youth sports complexes. Mr. Snook stated that it is worth the discussion and will re-evaluate turf options.	No Board Action.
MONTHLY CALENDARS		



Supporting documentation (see pages 81-82 No additional comments.

ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Campbell said thank you to the staff for all the updates. And, thanked Mr. Snook for the World Cup discussion. Mr. Huser said the World Cup information was great. He also said the turf that was replaced at Lea Mckeighan South looks fantastic. Council member Radar said that was the best World Cup discussion she has heard.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Snook said he has extra legacy Blast passes. He reminded the Board it is next Thursday. He said July is Parks and Recreation month and the Mayor will read a proclamation next Tuesday, July 1 at the City Council Meeting. He encouraged the Board to attend. Mr. Snook said NRPA conference is in September in Orlando and will need to know in the next month if any Board members want to go.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm to closed session Ms. Shepard 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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