

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
September 9, 2024, at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, September 9, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Kendra Zumhingst, Bethany Rust, Gary Green, and Art Juergens. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Kerry Bevers, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance were Mayor Matthew Nicholson, Dr. Charles Calhoun, and with the Tribune, Chey Smith.

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Bethany and seconded by Kendra. Motion carried. A motion to approve the August claims was made by Kendra and seconded by Art. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503–9 August balances. Bethany seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Chad explained the Westside Park cameras have been installed. NI-Tech installed the cameras and they were a great team to work with. The camera quality is very clear and detailed.
- Chad discussed the poles being set at Freeman Field Recreational Complex for the lighting project. B & C Electric is waiting for the fall soccer season to conclude for the remaining work to be done due to trenches needing to be dug.
- The Jackson Township Trustee Department donated almost \$3,000 toward lights being installed at the pickleball courts at Gaiser Park. All Phase Electric donated all material needed for this project. B & C Electric will be starting on this project in the next week when all the materials arrive.

Park Incidents:

- None at this time.

Program/Leagues Update:

- Power of the Praise Band—The band “Less Like Me” performed on September 5, 2024, at Crossroads Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Traveling Toms was there serving refreshments and there were around 75 community participants.
- Denim and Diamonds- The 3rd annual mother-son dance took place on September 7, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Crossroads Park. Entertainment was provided by Crash Entertainment. Pizza and refreshments were provided by Brooklyn Pizza.
- Hispanic Heritage Days- This event will take place on September 13, 2024, at Shields Park, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. There are several food trucks lined up and many activities planned for this event.
- Adult Kickball League- Registration is now closed. There are 4 teams signed up to participate.
- Men’s and Co-ed Fall Softball League- Registration has been extended. There is currently 1 team signed up for this event and 2 teams interested.

Reservation Requests:

- None at this time.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Kendra requested to have a volunteer chain to help clean the community trails. Parks Operations Director Kerry Bevers expressed that the park staff does this on a weekly basis.

Bethany made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendra seconded. Motion carried.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, at 4 p.m.