

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
April 14, 2025, at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, April 14, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Bethany Rust, Kendra Zumhingst, Gary Green, and Art Juergens. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Allycen Wheeler, Kerry Bevers, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance were City Attorney Christina Engleking and community member Katrina Hardwick..

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

Gary made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503–9 March balances. Art seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Chad presented a general timeline regarding different disturbances for the suspension and removal policy discussed in March's Park Board meeting. Kendra made a motion to accept the suspension and removal policy as presented. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
- Chad discussed the completion of the lighting project at Freeman Field Recreational Complex around the soccer fields. He mentioned B & C Electric installed a timer to ensure lights are not on all the time.

Park Incidents:

- None at this time.

Program/Leagues Update:

- 2025 Candle Making Class- This event was held at Oma and Opa's Pour House on March 27, 2025. Everyone had a great time making the candles. Allycen recommended Oma and Opa's Pour House to anyone who has not yet been.
- 2025 Spring Soccer- There are 456 kids signed up to participate in this league. Games are to begin the week of April 14, 2025.
- Kids Fest- This event took place on Saturday April 12, 2025 at the Seymour Middle School. Kerry went with the Parks Department groomer and snow plow. Kids were able to sign the snow plow and they loved it.
- Community Easter Egg Hunt- This event will be held at Gaiser Park on April 19, 2025. Mighty Mini Donut Truck will be in attendance. Pictures with the Easter Bunny start at 9 a.m. and the hunt will begin at 10 a.m.
- Arbor Day Event- This event is being held at Brooklyn Pizza's Harmony Park on April 24, 2025 beginning at 6 p.m. There will be bingo, prizes, coloring contests, crafts, along with food specials offered by Brooklyn Pizza.

- Girls Inc Arbor Day Event- This is being held at Girls Inc on April 23, 2025 at 4 p.m. We present 100 trees donated by DNR in Vallonia, along with information on Arbor Day and the specifics of the tree they will be receiving.
- 2025 Co-Ed Dodgeball Tournament- This event is going to be held at Girls Inc. on April 26, 2025. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. There are 6 teams signed up.
- Spring Softball League- Registration is now open. It is \$400 for a team of up to 12 players. The games will be on Wednesdays at Gaiser Park.
- Summer Volleyball League- Registration for this league is now open. Games will begin the week of June 3, 2025. The cost is \$185 per a team of 6 players and \$15 for each additional player. There are currently 8 teams signed up.
- Summer Pickleball League- There will be 2 leagues, beginner and intermediate. The cost is \$100 per 4 player team and \$25 for each additional player. The beginner league will be held on Tuesday evenings at Gaiser Park, beginning at 6 p.m. The intermediate league will be held on Wednesday evenings at Gaiser Park beginning at 6 p.m. The leagues will begin the week of June 3, 2025.
- Fearlessly Brave 5K Woods Warrior Run- This event is being held at Freeman Field Recreational Complex on June 13, 2025, beginning at 9 p.m.. Pre-registration is \$30. Day of race registration is \$35 and begins at 8 p.m. This is a walk or run event.

Reservation Requests:

- Becky Schepman with WJAA - Total Rock Radio has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on August 8, 2025 from 3-11 p.m. This is for their annual Bus Stock event. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Emily Engelking with Jackson County United Way has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on May 13, 2025 from 7:15-9:30 a.m. This is the annual kick-off event for Day of Caring. They will provide breakfast and refreshments for the volunteers. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
- Sasha Sitterding with Jackson County Chamber has requested to reserve Crossroads Park from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 28; June 11; June 18; June 25; July 2; July 9; July 16; July 30; August 13; August 20; August 27. This is for the Chamber picnics. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Art seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- City Attorney Christina Engleking explained that an environmental consulting firm out of Indianapolis reached out to do some groundwater well monitoring at the request of IDEM. Two of these wells are located in the City Cemetery. She presented an access agreement for the Park Board to review. Kendra made a motion to move forward with the environmental groundwater agreement with IDEM. Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Katrina Hardwick discussed her summer water aerobics program she offers at the City Pool. Her goal was to get something on record to decide a flat charge rate and to determine if her program was for profit or an act of community service. Kendra made a motion to allow Katrina to charge a

flat fee of \$5, that she gets to keep, allowing a community option to keep people healthy and moving. Art seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, at 4 p.m.