

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
January 13, 2025, at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, January 13, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Bethany Rust, 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, Mayor Matt Nicholson, and Information Specialist January Rutherford. Jared Reedy was in attendance for the Tribune.

Monica called the meeting to order. Monica then announced it was time to elect the board member officers for 2025. Bethany nominated Monica Riley to be President of the Park Board. Art seconded. Motion carried. All present members of the board agreed to keep Bethany Rust as Vice President for 2025.

A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Bethany and seconded by Gary. Motion carried. A motion to approve the December claims was made by Bethany and seconded by Art. Motion carried.

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

Updates:

- Chad discussed the 2024 Christmas Parade of Lights and Fireworks show that occurred on December 21, 2024. He stated that there were 45 entries for the parade and around 2800 guests that attended the event. It was mentioned that Chris Wiese with Freedom Fireworks will be returning in 2025 to display the fireworks after the Christmas parade.
- Chad presented a data chart with various information for each park gathered over the last seven years. This chart showed the attendance of each park along with data on where most people would travel after leaving the park. It also included the total number of reservations made and revenue received. The Parks Department will continue to add the data received for upcoming years.

Park Incidents:

- None at this time.

Program/Leagues Update:

- 2025 Spring Soccer- This event will take place at the Freeman Field Recreational Complex soccer fields. Games will begin the week of April 14, 2025. For ages 4 to 15, the cost is \$60 and for ages 2 to 3, the cost is \$25. Registration is now open through March 21, 2025.
- 2025 Senior Prom- This event is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Seymour Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a DJ, food, and drinks provided. Registration is now open and it is \$15 to attend.

Reservation Requests:

- David Fontanez with Outreach Ministries of Seymour has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on May 10, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. This will be a worship and prayer service event. They will also be providing free meals for the community. He has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. It was requested that the fee be waived due to OMS being a non-profit organization. Bethany motioned to approve the reservation and waive the fee. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
- Shelby Eggers with the Schneck Foundation has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on August 1, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is for their annual Thanks A Bunch Lunch hosted to honor their volunteers and donors. She has submitted the rental agreement for the event. Bethany motioned to approve the reservation pending the submission of their COI. Art seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- None at this time.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, at 4 p.m.