

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
May 11, 2026, at 4 pm

Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Gary Green, Kendra Zumhingst, Bill Castetter, and Ryan Chandler. Members of the Parks Department present were Tracey Cole, Allycen Wheeler, Kerry Bevers, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance was Mayor Matt Nicholson.

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

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503-9 April balances. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Mayor Matt appointed Gary and Ryan to serve on a subcommittee for further review of the previously voted on MOU for mobile food vendors. Gary explained that in their discussion, the preference would be to charge food truck vendors \$100 per day or \$150 per weekend rather than implement a seasonal fee, and noted that Kona Ice would be grandfathered into their existing agreement of donating 20% of sales as they have done in previous seasons. With no further discussion, Ryan made a motion to approve the updated MOU. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Park Incidents:

- None at this time.

Program/Leagues Update:

- National Kids to Parks Day- This event will take place on Saturday, May 16, at Shields Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be hot dogs, chips, and water provided for free and there will be a bouncy house provided for entertainment.
- Summer Volleyball League- Registration is now open. It is \$185 for a team of six with an additional \$15 fee for each additional player. Games are planned to start the first week of June.
- Summer Pickleball League- Registration is now open through May 25. This league will be held at Gaiser Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings starting June 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will end after six weeks.
- Freedom to Dink Tournament- This event will be held June 26 through June 28 at Gaiser Park. There are seven different categories and it is \$2.50 per player or \$5.00 per team. Games will begin at 8:00 a.m. each morning.
- Stars, Stripes, & Strides 5K- This event will take place on July 4 at Freeman Field Recreational Complex. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the race will start at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration cost is \$30 and that includes a t-shirt.

Reservation Requests:

- Emily Engelking with Jackson County United Way has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on May 12, from 7:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This is for their annual Day of Caring kick-off event. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra made a motion to approve the reservation. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- LeeAnn Friend with National Alliance for Mental Illness has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on September 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is for their annual NAMI walk for South Central Indiana. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra made a motion to approve the reservation. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- David Fontanez with Outreach Ministries of Seymour has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on July 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is for an evening of prayer, worship, and fellowship. He has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra made a motion to approve the reservation. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Rhonda Hutchinson with Seymour Young Marines has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on October 24, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is for their annual Red Ribbon Week - drug demand reduction event. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra made a motion to approve the reservation. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Monica informed the board that the ball field rental agreement had been reviewed and revised to provide clearer guidelines regarding timelines and scheduling priorities during the Youth League season.
- Gary asked about the progress of naming a ball field in honor of Art. Tracey stated that a plaque is being made and Chad has additional plans in progress. A dedication date will be announced once everything has been completed and received.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, at 4 p.m.