



City of Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting – WPD Training Facility
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: ☒ Larry Ladd, Park Board President ☒ Michelle Boxell, Park Board Vice President
 ☒ Mayor Jeff Grose ☒ Jill Beehler, Board Member ☒ Ryan Burgher, Board Member
 ☒ Noemi Ponce, Board Member ☒ Juergen Voss, City Council Representative
 ☒ Larry Plummer, Parks Superintendent ☒ Shaun Gardner, Maintenance Director
 ☒ Stephanie Schaefer, Recreation Director ☒ Suzanne Stokes, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

Park Board President Larry Ladd called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting were approved.

(1) A motion was made by Board Vice President Michelle Boxell and seconded by Board member Jill Beehler, and it passed unanimously.

III. Unfinished Business

a) Skate Park Update

- Superintendent Larry Plummer let the Board know that currently he's working with engineers and design staff on the position of the new skate park and base. Based on soil testing, the north end of the site offered greater stability, so the decision was made to flip the original design. No changes to the design itself were made, the bowl is simply going to be on the other end. There will be a geo grid installed for reinforcement 12" down in the soil with a #53 stone base on top of that. G & G Hauling as well as the engineers for American Ramp Company said that was the best route to go for this project. Boxell asked if the stone was to act as a stabilizer. Plummer explained the geo grid and stone will expand past the footprint like a big trampoline holding it together, so the ground is more stable. The hope is still that construction will begin in late June or early July and that Plummer will have a more solid timeline before the next meeting. Liz Frazier's sister approved the sign and placing that memorial will move forward.

IV. New Business

a) Arbor Day with AzkoNobel

- Volunteers from AzkoNobel donated two maple trees from Open Air Garden and planted them last month. It was a very rainy day so it was just about the quickest tree planting ever, Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner said. He thanked them for their continued partnership for adding trees to the parks.



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b) Hoosier Lakes Radio Club

- Plummer presented a request from the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club to use the Beyer Park shelter and surrounding area for a HAM radio event in June 2026. The event is to bring public awareness to radio and it was very successful last year. He added that the Club is willing to help with the Fall Family Fun festival again this year, providing much needed assistance with communication and parking. Plummer said he would like to partner with them again this year. Board member Ryan Burgher made a motion to allow the Club to use Beyer Park and it was seconded by Board member Noemi Ponce.

c) Maintenance Report

- Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner let the Board know all the flowers have been planted in the downtown beds and in all the parks. There is a bit of mulch work to finish up in Central Park tomorrow but it is otherwise all done. Sand has been hauled to both beaches now that lake levels have gone down enough. The buoys have been installed at Pike Lake with Center Lake's following either tomorrow or the day after. The Parks' carpenter has been helping out the Police Department with a project while the rest of the maintenance staff has been hard at work putting on the final touches for Memorial Day Weekend.

d) Recreation Report

- Recreation Director Stephanie Schaefer caught the Board up on all that's been going on with activities. Since the last meeting, the Rec Department held Super Hero Academy, the Mom & Son Dance, and a porch sign painting class. At Imagination Station today, there were 71 participants including 5, possibly 6, new families. The Summer Concert Series begins this week with Kennedy's Kitchen on Friday, May 22, and will continue every Friday night until August 14. On May 30, there will be a Kids Fishing Derby. Schaefer highlighted upcoming events such as Community Paddleboarding and Canoeing, Library Stories, Family Nerf Day, and Wipe Out.

V. Other Matters That May Come Before the Board

a) April Team Member of the Month

- Mechanic George Music was presented as April's Team Member of the Month. Plummer said he is an essential part that keeps the team running. He is always willing to lend a hand where needed and likes teaching the younger staff anything he can, trying to help make them better.

VI. Meeting Review

VII. Adjournment

With no other matters brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beehler and seconded by Boxell. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.



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Minutes taken by:

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*Suzanne Stokes
Park Board Recording Secretary*