

2/19/2026 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Kennedy called the meeting to order, time noted 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

President Tracey Houchin: Absent

Vice President Nikki Kennedy: Present

Board Member David Brammell: Present

Board Member Melody McKinley: Absent

Board Member Jesse Rathbun: Present

Quorum satisfied

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Brammell made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held January 15, 2026. Board Member Rathbun seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I. Park Cleanup Day Organization

Park Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 18th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at White Park. Friends of the Parks will purchase food for providing hot dogs and chips after the event. Board Member Rathbun volunteered to make a flyer for the clean-up day and requested that anyone with pictures of the parks send him pictures for use on the flyer. Registration of volunteers will have a deadline of April 15th in order to plan accordingly based on expected participation.

City staff have completed assessment of items within the parks that need painted. Park Board then discussed starting in White Park on the cleanup day and continuing to other parks if enough volunteers are present. The Board then discussed prioritizing the items needing painted within White Park. List as follows:

Skatepark, Skatepark bathroom, Softball field concession stand, Softball field bathrooms, Swing at the softball field, Legion field concession stand, dome climber at Little League, swing at Little League, swing by the swimming pool, pavilion at the swimming pool, picnic tables at swimming pool.

Discussion held regarding the needed list of supplies for painting and cleanup. Friends of the Parks will request donations of items for the event.

Discussion held regarding cost of paint totaling approximately \$500. Further discussion regarding paint colors. The building at the Legion field will be painted red, white and black to match the existing dugout colors. Skatepark bathroom to be same color as current. Playground equipment to be same as current colors.

4.II. Volunteer Groups For Cleanup Day

The Aurora Rotary Club has been contacted as well as school groups, athletes and Sources of Strength.

4.III. Park Board Events

Discussion regarding setting dates for upcoming events.

Touch a Truck will be July 18th from 6-8 p.m. If any board members know food trucks who might be interested in this event, please have them contact Pam at City Hall.

Hydrant Parties proposed to be June 5, July 17 and August 7. Liberty has been contacted for approval, awaiting response.

Special Event applications will be prepared and presented to City Council.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Anthony Finzo, Recreation Center Director provided an update regarding adult leagues of Basketball and Pickleball as well as youth leagues of Basketball and Soccer. All leagues have been successful. The Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held Saturday, March 7. Staff are planning a member appreciation day in conjunction with the one-year anniversary of the facility opening in April. Currently 950 active memberships.

Dennis Carlisle, Parks Department, provided an update for his department advising that new benches have been installed at the skatepark, mulch has been placed in Oak Park and Baldwin Park, and newly painted barrels have been placed in Crosby and Oak parks. Additionally, a new flower bed has been installed at the dog park at Baldwin Park.

City Manager Howlett mentioned a previous request for discussion to be held regarding long-term plans and ideas for City parks and ADA compliance. This will be placed on the next agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Brammell made a motion to adjourn, time noted 7:20 p.m. Board Member Rathbun seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.