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# ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 14, 2025
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

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| *MEMBERS PRESENT*: | Paul Teverow, Dustin Parker, Mariah Kraft, and Michael Gilpin were present. |
| *ABSENT*: | Greg Matzer, Brad McIntyre |
| *GUESTS:* | Paul Bloomberg, Director<br>Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director<br>Charles Copple, Liaison |
| *MEETING CALLED TO ORDER*: | Dustin Parker called the regular meeting to order. |
| *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: | Michael Gilpin made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mariah Kraft. |
| *OLD BUSINESS*: | Paul told the board that the DORA project is going well. The park is still closed to the public. They have installed light pedestals. We are still working on signage and branding. He also mentioned that at Third Thursday tomorrow there will be a group of people with a tent and doing bicycle tricks. They will also be handing out information on updates of the DORA Project. The grand opening will be in Spring of 2026.<br><br>Paul mentioned that Ewert Splash Park is moving along. There was a little hold up due to Olsson Project Manager leaving.<br><br>He also told the board that the Museum HVAC project is almost complete. He said that the Museum has done a lot of updates this year. |

He said that the bids are ready to go out for the Recreation Trails Grant Project we received. This will allow us to get 80 park benches, tire fix it stations, bike racks, and Trail/Park Way Finding Signs. You will start seeing these things in the fall of 2025.

Paul said that the Boom Town sign has been installed at Cunninham. He let the board know that we also have an RFP out right now for sand for Sand Volleyball Courts to be installed in the park.

He stated that the Tin Cup Trail concrete is being poured near 32nd Street. The bridge is in process but is taking a little longer due to getting cables needed for the bridge.

He updated the board on the Grand Falls Trail. He mentioned that they are working on a design with Olssen Associates. They are looking at having a 40-car parking lot that will be going out to bid soon.

We have also been working on getting locations where lighting and cameras need to go in nine of our parks. These nine parks will all be getting cameras and lighting. Garvin, Landreth, Cunningham, DORA, Parr Hill, Humphery, Ewert, Grand Falls, and Mercy.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Paul told the board that we will be opening both pools this year and they will open on Friday, May 30th. We are fully staffed with 117 lifeguards and 20 cashiers; all pool party spots are booked, and we have got the new rock wall installed at Schifferdecker.

Paul handed out the Park Ranger report. (Attached) We now have a Park Ranger on staff during all park Hours.

He stated that the Miracle Field project has been completed. They replaced Turf areas that needed to be replaced at the Miracle Field and the playground area.

Paul stated that the Little League fields at Landreth Park will be taken down after July and turned into grass area. He told the board that we have a great relationship with Joplin Little League, and we will give them new places to practice but due to flooding at Landreth they have decided to practice at our other locations. Paul did tell the board that the Landreth Little League fields were only being

used for practice, and they were already using our other fields for games.

Paul told the board that the Sports Complex Charrette hosted by Prospect Village Development Team meeting will be held Thursday, June 26th from 4:00 – 6:00 at City Hall in the Council Chambers Room. All park board members are invited to attend.

***MONTHLY REPORTS:*** Paul handed out the Recreation reports for the board to review. (Attached)

***ADJOURNEMENT***: Michael Gilpin made a motion to adjourn, second by Paul Teverow.

Nakia Endicott, Accounting Specialist

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Museum update Parks Advisory Board-April-2025

Old Business

Museum Renovations

- The boiler has been removed. New units have been installed on the mineral side of the museum and currently the museum has Air Conditioning working. There is some wait that has to do with the gas hook up, inspection and testing. The water chiller unit has been removed and the units for the history side were supposed to be here in early May. I have no idea if tariffs are going to be an issue.
- Cox Hall roof project has been pushed to a capital project request for 2026.

Museum Events

- The museum hosted a spring Plant Swap. It was attended by 273 visitors.
- The City Council held a Meeting in the Park public event highlighting parks improvements.
- The traveling Langston Hughes exhibit has been taken down and returned to the Gordon Parks Museum.

New Business

- Visitation is slowly starting to pick up. Saturdays are usually busy, and the weekdays are starting to see more visitors.
- The museum rehired Will Russel as a P/T Museum Assistant.

Joplin Historical Society Events

- JHS held its second annual Video Contest for local high schools. The winners have been chosen, and an awards reception is being planned for the students and their families.
- The Historical society hosted an award ceremony for its annual video contest. The winning entries featured the life of Dorothea Hoover and the history of the Joplin Globe.
- The society hosted its first LEGO Swap & Shop fundraiser. This event drew in almost 300 visitors.

Parks and Recreation events

- Parks hosted a Daddy-Daughter Valentines dance at the end of February.
- Line Dancing with Joy has ended. In its place the museum is now hosting "Hell on Heels" Burlesque dancing lessons

Museum Events

- The museum is implementing capital projects for the museum. These include replacing exterior doors with storm rated doors, two new benches for the front of the museum, and repainting the west face of the museum.
- Staff is updating mineral wing cases with historical pictures from the museums archives as background graphics. New labeling is being designed to fit into the new case template.

- Staff is working on a Joplin store fronts through the ages exhibit in the doll case.
- The Bonnie and Clyde display has been updated with new graphics, one that doubles as a photo op for visitors. A video component detailing the shootout is being developed.
- Graphics panels for the Route 66 display are nearing completions. I am waiting on grants funds to cover the expense of printing these panels. I should know the status of this grant by early June.
- Historical Society Board members have been helping to organize the photo archives, It is amazing how much they have accomplished.
- The museum is displaying the uniform of a WWII veteran Ferril Van Noy. This airman received a purple heart for being wounded while shot down over Europe and evading capture be escaping to Switzerland.
- The annual Museum calendar for 2026 is almost ready to go to print. The calendar's theme is Rt. 66, and we are trying to determine the size of the print run for this edition.
- The museum hosted the Ozark 7, High School Art Show for the first three weeks in April. This was the first time for the museum to host this show.
- The museum applied for a NEH grant and was turned down. Even if we were accepted, I doubt we would have seen any monies with the current issues in federal agencies. The Lemons grant, and the Corley grant have been submitted.
- The city budget process has started, and staff is looking for Capital Projects for the next fiscal year.

Monthly Reports

| | Visitation # | Visitation $ | Gift Shop $ |
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| February | 152 | $454.00 | $805.00 |
| March | 676* | $1,396.00 | $1,140.00 |
| April | 414 | $1,273.00 | $1,297.00 |
| May (to date) | 293 | $293.00 | $345.00 |
| **FY25 TOTALS** | **1,535** | **$3,416.00** | **$3,587.00** |
| | | **TOTAL INCOME** | **$7,003.00** |

*Includes 273 plant swap attendees

JOPLIN
PARKS & RECREATION

# Park Board Recreation Update (Sports)

*May 13th, 2025*

**Current:**

- **Spring Youth Soccer**
  - **50 Teams**
  - **628 Total Players**
- **Spring Adult Sports**
  - **Adult Softball**
    - Men's: 26 Teams Total
    - Co-Ed: 14 Teams Total
  - **Adult Soccer**
    - 16 Teams Total
  - **Adult Pickleball Scramble League Hosted by Tee Time (May)**
  - **Adult Ultimate Frisbee (Joplin Area Ultimate)**
    - **25 Players Total**
  - **Little Hitters**
    - **124 Participants**

**Upcoming:**

- **6U Youth T-Ball**
  - **Starting May 27th**
  - **77 Players total**
- **Challenger Sports Soccer Camp Registration**
  - **July 7th – 11th**
- **June Tennis Lessons / Little Netters Registration Open**
- **OZMO Lacrosse Camp**
  - **June 25th – June 26th**
- **Summer Adult Sports Registrations Open**

Aquatics and Marketing/ Social Media

May 13th, 2025

Marketing/Social Media

- Updating social media consistently on Facebook and Instagram
- Attend networking events
  - Bimonthly meetings with Joplin Leads Group 1

Aquatics

- Third Thursday
  - May 15th
- Opening Date: May 30th, 2025
- Employed
  - Supervisors: 3
  - Managers: 7
  - Lifeguards: 110
    - 57 are returning guards
    - 53 are new guards
    - We are working on background checks and drug screens
- Orientation Dates:
  - May 27
    - Lifeguard Orientation
  - May 29
    - Cashier Orientation
- Events:
  - Show Me Water Safety
    - July 16th
      - Schifferdecker park
  - Joplin Police Block Party
    - June 13- Cunningham
    - July 10- Schifferdecker
  - Swim Meets:
    - Berzerker
      - July 11-13
    - Stingrays
      - July 19-20
  - Dog Swim
    - August 9th

# Park Ranger Report
# February – April 2025

**Security Report (21 occurrences compared to 34 same frame time last year)**

1. Trespassing
2. Disorderly conduct
3. Illegal Camping (2 occurrences)
4. Hunting blind removed from Dover Park
5. Vandalism/graffiti spray painting at Ewert Park
6. Break in at Ewert Park utility room
7. Property damage at Ewert Park sign repair door
8. Arson/Fire at Schifferdecker Park (trash can for warmth by homeless)
9. Drugs/alcohol (4 occurrences)
    a. Drugs in backpack at Spiva Park
    b. Intoxicated female found without clothing at Ewert Park
    c. Needle found at Leonard Park
    d. Intoxicated individual found at athletic complex passed out by fence
10. Violent altercation (3 occurrences)
    a. Called for apparently showing guns at Cunningham Park (2 occurrences)
    b. Ewert Park stabbing homeless situation
11. Parks ordinance violations (2 occurrences)
    a. Fireworks at Ewert Park
    b. Dumped dog Cunningham Park
12. Medical calls (3 occurrences)
    a. Seizure Frisco Trail
    b. Stroke Frisco Trail
    c. Overdose at Ewert Park (Park Ranger had to revive)

**Maintenance Report (16 occurrences compared to 11 same time frame as last year)**

1. Portable toilet blew over – Wildcat Park
2. Tree debris (4 occurrences)
3. Water leaks (3 occurrences)
4. Broken manhole cover
5. Broken picnic table
6. Playground gate broken at Miracle Field
7. General bathroom issues (4 occurrences)
8. Plumbing issue at park restroom

Our yearly numbers are still tracking to exceed last years impressive numbers although the month of April was not our best so far. This time of year, we always see an increase in play and a decrease in revenue much of this has to do with the increase in High School volume during practice as well as tournaments. Much of the difference between this April and last April has to do with the fact we received nearly double the average rainfall in April. Overall, the golf course is starting to receive a lot of publicity as its condition and desire amongst players continues to improve. We anticipate seeing large numbers this year and will be one of the most played golf courses in the area once again. Sign-ups have begun and we will see nearly 200 of the areas best amateurs come back to our facility for the 77th Ozark Amateur.

Revenue:

April 2024- $96,259

April 2025- $79,033

Nov 2023- April 2024- $272,456

Nov 2024- April 2025 $291,647

Rounds:

April 2024- 3,042

April 2025- 2,946

Nov- April 2024- 8,848

Nov-April 2025- 9,607