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JOPLIN
PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 9, 2025
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Greg Matzer, Mariah Kraft, Drew Roy, Heather Ogden and Michael Gilpin were present.
ABSENT:	Brad McIntyre, Dustin Parker
GUESTS:	Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director Charles Copple, Liaison
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Mariah Kraft called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Mariah Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Michael Gilpin.
OLD BUSINESS:	Greg told the board that the DORA project is going well. The park is still closed to the public. They are working on installing ramps. We are still working on signage and branding. The grand opening will be in late fall of 2026. He mentioned that Ewert Splash Park is moving along. We are waiting on Branco for the final numbers for the project before taking it to City Council. Greg said we are waiting for final approval for the Recreation Trails Grant Project. This will allow us to get 80 park benches, tire fix it stations, bike racks, and Trail/Park Way Finding Signs. We will also do some of the work in-house. You will start seeing these things in the fall of 2025. Greg stated that the Boom Town sign has been installed at Cunninham. He let the board know that

they will start seeing work starting for the sand for Sand Volleyball Courts to be installed in the park.

He stated that the Tin Cup Trail bridge is in process still but is taking a little longer due to getting cables needed for the bridge.

Greg updated the board on the Grand Falls Trail. He mentioned that there will be a overlook that you can stand and look into the falls. We are also looking at having a 40-car parking lot.

We are still working on the lighting and cameras project. The RFP will go out next week. These nine parks will all be getting cameras and lighting. Garvin, Landreth, Cunningham, DORA, Parr Hill, Humphery, Ewert, Grand Falls, and Mercy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg informed the board that the Silver Creek building is closed at this time. The deck was starting to rot and pulled away from the building. The city inspector went and inspected it and found a few more things that needed fixed before we reopen the building.

He told the board that Paul had reached out to Joplin Workshop about getting a price to possibly buy the parking lot near Ewert Park.

He also mentioned that Joplin Workshop was awarded the bid to help with pulling trash. This will start in the budget year 2026.

Greg let the board know that Bryson has left for a different job. We have been moving people around within our department. Ashley went back to sports and Alina will now be over special events.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Greg handed out the Recreation reports for the board to review. (Attached)

ADJOURNEMENT:

Mariah Kraft made a motion to adjourn, second by Michael Gilpin.

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