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JOPLIN
PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 12, 2025
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Greg Matzer, Dustin Parker, Mariah Kraft, Drew Roy, Heather Ogden and Michael Gilpin were present.
ABSENT:	Brad McIntyre
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Director Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director Charles Copple, Liaison Mike Greninger Jerry Goins Caleb Churchwell Fred Palmer Chalise Copper
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Dustin Parker called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Drew Roy made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Michael Gilpin.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul mentioned that the Momentum Bike Park Project is going well. We will be having the Ribbon Cutting on November 24, 2025 at 3:30pm. The entrance sign and all trail signs should be all up prior to the parking ribbon cutting. He said that Ewert Splash Park has started some construction. They have put the perimeter fence up. Fred and Chalise told the board a little history of Robinson Gray and Thelma Meeks. These were two women who helped children learn to swim, helped educate them and positively impacted the community. They also received two Golden Appl Awards. Paul said he would be pleased to name the

park after these two women. Greg made a motion to move forward with name the park after these two women. 2nd by , all yea.
Chalise does have some concerns with the park name being to long, however she does think most people will still refer to it as Ewert Park.

Paul said the Recreation Trails Grant Project is moving along. We need to figure a few things out with the DNR Grant before moving forward. Dustin asked if we would need a soil study and per Paul we will not need one due to minimal ground disturbance. 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.

He mentioned that the Tin Cup Trail is now open. However, we are still on hold with the bridge due to waiting on the cables needed for the bridge. We are hoping to have this done in the spring/summer. The project has to be completed by December 2026.

Paul gave some updates on the Grand Falls Trail. He told the board that Olssen Associates is working with MDC on the overlook landscape area.

The RFP for Security Lighting was approved and will start after November 23. These nine parks will all be getting cameras and lighting. Garvin, Landreth, Cunningham, DORA, Parr Hill, Humphery, Ewert, Grand Falls, and Mercy.

The RFP for the Software was open. We had four companies that bid. We are working on scoring each company and waiting on Leslie for the final approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul handed out a proposal for a new ban policy for parks and facilities. The discussion led to farther discussions with more legal ramifications. Dustin also brought up if this should be taken to City Council for their approval.

Paul told the board that we are working on an RFP to replace turf at Wendell Redden, and Joe Becker Stadium and add turf to Gene Bassman Softball Complex. Another discussion was that Parkwood lease agreement has one year left.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

ADJOURNEMENT:

Dustin Parker made a motion to adjourn, second by Heather Odgen.

Nakia Endicott, Accounting Specialist

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Park Board Recreation Update (Sports)
November 3, 2025

Current:

- **Adult Volleyball (Fall)**
  - 17 teams playing
  - Wednesday evenings at the Boys and Girls Club Gym

Upcoming:

- **Little Dribblers Basketball**
  - Registration opened Nov 1, 2025
  - Begins January 6, 2026

- **Adult Volleyball (Winter)**
  - Currently taking registrations
  - Play Wednesday evenings at the Boys and Girls Club Gym beginning January 14, 2026

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Park Board Recreation Update (Special Events)

November 4, 2025

Current:

- **Turkey Shootout**

  Located at Joplin Boys and Girls Club on November 14th
  - Kids compete to win a frozen turkey!
  - Registration open now.
- **Letters to Santa**
  - Kids can drop a letter at the Joplin Athletic Complex, Joplin History and Mineral Museum, and the Joplin Academy from November 12th- December 11th.

Upcoming:

- **Holiday Tree Trail**
  - Currently taking registrations until November 20th
  - Food vendors, dancing from Karen's Dance Studio, family activities, and Santa!
  - Kickoff event is on December 4th

- **Breakfast with Santa**
  - December 6th at the Joplin History and Mineral Museum
  - Registration is open now.