

Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: MAY 27, 2026



The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Jill Timoteo at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Jeff Grigsby, Jill Timoteo, Andy McDowell and Kevin Fougrousse.

Excused Absence: Cali Zingale

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Grigsby, 2nd by McDowell for approval of Agenda.

3 – Yes, 0 – No

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on April 22, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Grigsby, 2nd by McDowell for approval of minutes from the commission meeting on April 22, 2026.

3–Yes, 0–No

LOBBY:

Sue Tipple asked if signs would be posted for e-bikes. At this time no legislation was in place regarding e-bikes.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:

No report.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:

Jeff Grigsby reported that he sits on the JVS board and had the pleasure of attending their graduation and senior recognition. NRHS graduation went extremely well, and we just missed the disastrous weather that impacted the area. Graduation was moved up 15 minutes. RHTA created a habitat trail over the last 3 years. Named wild school site by ODNR. Lorain County Commission was one of 4 counties who did both the Homestead Exemption and the Real Property Tax Exemption in 2025. Had people speak on it at a county meeting to express how poor an idea it is. It has impacted NRCS by 1.7 million in reductions. High School Students Service Project & Business Students raised \$3,000.00 for breast cancer survivors.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse reported that Trust Fund revenue in April was \$73,479.59. Trust Fund unencumbered balance at the end of April is \$380,250.57. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund revenue in April was \$3,393.30. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund unencumbered balance at the end of April is \$56,693.57. Trust Fund expenses in April were \$37,283.10. Our General Fund expenses in April were \$43,290.24.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse reported on the Root Road Park Improvement Project. It is 90% complete. The week of May 25 landscapers will be in to rockhound, topsoil, grade and hydro seed. Once that is complete, we will have a final walk through with the contractor for punch list items. We have started the reimbursement process to ODNR. Ribbon cutting ceremony will happen to re-open the park. The project did experience hiccups and overages due to a poor subbase which needed to be addressed structurally before asphalt was poured. We had to go back to City Council for additional funding (260K) to complete the project. Contract total went from \$763K to \$1.024M.

RECREATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Junior Olympian Session I runs June 5-June 26 and we currently have registered 03. Safetyville Program runs for 2 weeks with Session I running June 1-5 and Session II runs June 8-12. All 2 sessions were full with 216 kids enrolled. Cheernastics Day Camp June 8-12 and we have 09 enrolled. Gymnastic Giants Session I runs June 6-27 from 3:00-3:45 PM and we have 03 pre-registered. Our Annual Touch-A-Truck Event runs on June 13, 2026, at Shady Drive Complex. Our Summer Concert Series kicks off on Sunday, June 7 from 5:00-8:00 PM with 45 RPM. We will have bands through June, July and August with our first ever Beer Garden. Youth Tennis Program Session I starts on June 15-July 8 we currently have 07 in the 4-6 yr. olds, 10 in the 7-9 yr. olds and 08 in 10-14 yr. olds.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeff Grigsby mentioned that they are under budget substantially for the new school. They are currently working on ideas to identify areas where they can use the money on the new school.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jill Timoteo inquired what the status was for the new commission member. Kevin Fougousse mentioned he was meeting with Mayor Corcoran tomorrow regarding the vacancy. Kevin mentioned we had 08 applicants.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM