



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – July 16, 2026

Members Present

	Jim Wise		Kate Hancock-Cooke	X	Gary Lawell
	Peter Kelly	X	Eric Maggio	X	Ted Galloway
X	Lee Hillstrom	X	Ashley Ondresky	X	Scott Weber

Staff Present

X	Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation
X	Kristine Butteris, Superintendent of Recreation
	Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks
X	Megan Thompson, Recreation Supervisor
	Clinton Williams, Parks Supervisor

Others Present: Frank Cuthbert, Mark Neuman, Bernie Meyer, Scott Becher

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Commissioner Ondresky at 5:43 P.M.

Correspondence

1. Ryan & Cindy Eckes pertaining to Carpenter Preserve
2. Mark Ellis email pertaining to Island Park naming

MSC Ondresky/Hillstrom to accept the correspondence as presented and to place in the minutes.

Appearances

None

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Galloway to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2026 Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

Commissioner Ondresky reviewed the vouchers for July and found them to be in order.

Mission Action Report

The report was distributed earlier. The following items were discussed:

- Commissioner Ondresky complimented staff on what appeared to be another successful Filthy Fun Run event. Superintendent Butteris noted that we had a strong showing of volunteers and staff to fill all the spots.
 - Commissioner Galloway inquired about the trestles. Director Kading noted that a tree had fallen on the bridge and that Superintendent Fink observed what might be structural issues and wants to bring in an engineer to review and make recommendations.
 - Commissioner Hillstrom noted that CommunityFest was a huge success. There is a need for younger volunteers.
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- Commissioner Galloway noted that the fireworks were fantastic and whoever ran the sound was great. The National Anthem could clearly be heard.
- Commissioner Hillstrom shared that Fun Runs have finished for the season with an average of 600+ runners over the course of 4 nights. The last two events were impacted by rain and heat.
- Commissioner Maggio asked if staff would be making a marketing push for the upcoming SpongeBob the Musical. Butteris indicated that we would be pushing it through social media channels.
- Commissioner Lawell inquired about signups for the Kids Triathlon and volunteers needed. Butteris responded that approximately 70 participants are registered, and we have a need for volunteers. If interested, let her know.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Accept and Recommend Kimberly Point Lighthouse Bid Award

Director Kading reviewed the bid tabulation and recommended accepting the bid as submitted by Miron Construction to complete the renovation of the Kimberly Point Lighthouse. The project was budgeted in the 2026 CIP budget, and a successful fundraising effort of \$300,000 was achieved. The project is expected to begin mid-September and run through April 2027.

Action: MSC Hillstrom/Lawell to accept and recommend the bid from Miron Construction to complete the restoration of the Kimberly Point Lighthouse per bid specifications for the base bid in the amount of \$328,945.00, alternative #1 in the amount of \$53,545.00, brick tuckpointing in the amount of \$23.50/s.f., and brick repair in the amount of \$28.75/s.f. All voting aye. Motion Carried.

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BUSINESS ITEM # 2: 2026 CIP Review

Project status was reviewed.

BUSINESS ITEM # 3: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Special Commission Meeting, July 30:

- To discuss Kimberly Point Shoreline treatments

Regular Meeting August 20:

- Draft 2027 Operational, Maintenance, and CIP Budgets
- Commissioner Weber requested the renaming of Island Park be placed on the agenda.
- Commissioner Ondresky requested the appointment of a Carpenter Preserve Task Force be placed on the agenda.



Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke had no report.

Harbor Committee: Galloway reported that weed cutting will be taking place in a few weeks. Water levels remain high. He is concerned that if we do not cool off and/or receive rain, algae blooms will begin again.

CORP Task Force: Ondresky reported that a public input event was held July 8 and a public survey is open for the public to complete.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP