



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 19, 2026

5:00–6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, 401 N. Morton St. in Bloomington, Ind.

Zoom Option

Board of Park Commissioners

Commission Member	Appointed by	Appointment Date	Term
Israel Herrera	Mayor	1/1/2023	1/1/2023-12/31/2026
Kathleen Mills	Mayor	1/1/2024	1/1/2024-12/31/2027
Ellen Rodkey	Mayor	1/1/2022	1/1/2026-12/31/2029
Jim Whitlatch	Mayor	1/1/2025	1/1/2025-12/31/2028

CALL TO ORDER

I. ROLL CALL – Kathleen Mills called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey and Israel Herrera were present and Jim Whitlatch was absent.

II. AGENDA

A. Consent Calendar

Agenda Item Number	Topic/Description	Presenter
A-1	Approval of Minutes of January 15 2026 Regular Meeting	Kim Clapp
A-2	Approval of Claims Submitted January 14 2026 through February 18 2026	Kim Clapp
A-3	Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments	Kim Clapp
A-4	Review of Business Reports	Kim Clapp
A-5	Review/Approval of Credit Card Refunds	Kim Clapp
A-6	Approval of Surplus	Kim Clapp
A-7	Partnership agreement with Monroe County Civic Theater	Crystal Ritter
A-8	Noise Permit Approval for Parks Internal Events 2026	Cyrstal Ritter
A-9	BCFM Food and Beverage and Food Truck Vendor Template Agreements 2026	Clarence Boone
A-10	BCFM Farm Vendor Handbook and Template Agreement 2026	Clarence Boone
A-11	A Fair of the Arts Contract Template 2026	Crystal Ritter

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A-12	Performance and Entertainment Template Agreement 2026	Crystal Ritter
A-13	Agreement with USFWS for Pollinator Workshops	Heidi Shoemaker
A-14	Twin Lakes Sports Park 2026 Concessions Agreement	Cody Martin
A-15	Winslow Sports Park 2026 Concessions Agreement	Cody Martin
A-16	Agreement with Frontier Fire Protection for 2026 TLRC Services	Cody Martin
A-17	Agreement with Anna McCoy for Art Commission	Tim Street
A-18	Approval of Corrective Deed for Switchyard Park parcel consolidation	Tim Street
A-19	Agreement with Aquatic Control for Miller-Showers Park Invasive Treatments	Heidi Shoemaker
A-20	Agreement with A&A Quickpump for Griffy Restroom services	Amy Leyenbeck
A-21	Addendum to Agreement with Bluestone Tree	Haskell Smith
Motion	Ellen Rodkey made a motion to remove A15 from the consent calendar. Israel seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	board
Vote	Ellen Rodkey motioned to approve the consent calendar. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	Board
A15	Ellen Rodkey made a motion to correct the agreement amount to \$2,500 and approve Winslow Sports Park 2026 Concessions Agreement. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	Board

B. Public Hearings and Appearances

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B-1	Staff recognized David Skirvin for 23 years of dedicated service to the Bloomington Parks Foundation presented him with the February Bravo Award. David joined the Foundation Board in 2002 following his retirement from Indiana University, serving as President in 2024 and Past President in 2025. His long-term leadership, organizational skills, and passion for parks have significantly strengthened the Foundation and supported the success of Bloomington Parks and Recreation. David thanked the staff and the Board. The Board thanked David for his years of service.	Julie Ramey
B-2	Grace Olsen was the new intern in the Recreation Services Department. A senior at Indiana University studying Park Recreation and the Outdoors, Grace brought experience in event planning, ecosystem management, and community	Grace Olsen

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	engagement and looked forward to supporting Bloomington Parks and Recreation’s mission.	

C. Other Business

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C-1	Kathleen Mills moved to elect Ellen Rodkey as the Board of Park Commissioners Vice President. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	Board
C-2	Staff recommended approval of a \$20,000 partnership/grant agreement with Area 10 on Aging for the Endwright East Active Living Community Center funded through the Parks General Fund. The Center provided meals and senior programming. Parks and Area 10 collaborated on programming and wellness initiatives. Ellen Rodkey motioned to approve the partnership with Area 10. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	Leslie Brinson
C-3	Staff recommended approval of the \$68,896 contract with Convergent Technologies, LLC for repair and replacement of components in the CCTV security system at Switchyard Park, funded through ARPA 2402-060G21005-53990. The project would restore functionality to cameras that had failed due to environmental exposure and component failures. Board Comments Kathleen Mills inquired if the original equipment had been purchased from the same company. Hsiung Marler responded it had been purchased from a different company. Kathleen Mills then asked if there was any warranty remaining on the 33 lights that were not functioning. Hsiung Marler stated the warranty had expired. Ellen Rodkey inquired on the life expectancy of the new lights. Hsiung Marler responded it was difficult to predict the lifecycle for this type of technology. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with Convergent Technologies for the replacement of lights at Switchyard Park. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	Hsiung Marler
C-4	Staff recommended approval of a \$12,250 addendum to the contract with Lithko Resotation Technologies for Baneker Community Step Replacement Project to address additional structural support needs identified during demolition. The project was partially funded by a	Kevin Terrell

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	<p>\$30,000 IDNR grant with remaining cost covered by Banneker Community Center Non-Reverting Fund. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the addendum with Lithko Restoration Technologies. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.</p>	
C-5	<p>Staff recommended approval of an agreement with Bloomington Community Orchard to continue use of the Parks property at Winslow Woods and maintain the cooperative partnership through 2030. The updated agreement included language regarding fencing and a proposed educational shelter to support orchard programming and community access to fresh fruit and cultivation education.</p> <p>Board comments Kathleen Mills inquired if the shelter would be enclosed behind the fencing. Haskell Smith responded that it would be enclosed. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the agreement with Bloomington Community Orchard. Israel seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.</p>	Haskell Smith
C-6	<p>Staff recommended approval of contract addendum with Green Dragon Lawn Care, Inc. for mowing and trimming services at 20 primary Park locations in an amount not to exceed \$108,405 and funded from Urban Greenspace General Fund. The vendor was originally selected through an RFQ process and was eligible for renewal based on satisfactory performance.</p> <p>Board comments Israel Herrera inquired on the renewal process. Tim Street responded the original contract included a renewal clause for an additional three one year renewals if both parties agreed. After that time the project would go back out for bid. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the addendum with Green Dragon. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.</p>	Joanna Sparks
C-7	<p>Staff recommended approval of a 2026 contract addendum with 4 U Lawn and Landscape for mowing and trimmings services at 16 Parks locations not to exceed \$23,085 and funded through Urban Greenspace General Fund. The vendor was eligible for renewal based on satisfactory performance and responsiveness.</p> <p>Board comments Ellen Rodkey inquired if this was a new contract. Joanna Sparks responded that it was a renewal of an existing contract from 2024. Israel Herrera asked about the difference between this contract and the one with Green Dragon. Joanna Sparks responded that the</p>	Joanna Sparks

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	<p>services provided were the same but they were for different locations. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the addendum with 4 U Lawn and Landscape for 2026. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.</p>	
C-8	<p>Staff recommended approval of a \$57,749.39 contract with Eco Logic LLC for ecological consulting and restoration services at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, Switchyard, and Miller-Showers Park funded through Natural Resources General Fund. Services included ongoing deer browse monitoring at Griffy Lake, follow-up vegetation management at all three sites, and continuation of restoration work initiated in 2018. Ellen Rodkey make a motion to approve the service agreement with Eco Logic for Griffy Lake and Millers-Shower. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously with by a 3-0 vote.</p>	Mary Welz
C-9	<p>Staff recommended approval of Erica Eason as a new appointee to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council (ERAC) which advised Parks and Recreation on city natural areas and facilities. Erica brought experience in natural resources and soil and water conservation. Erica's name had changed to Erica Myers. Board comments Israel inquired if there was still one vacant seat. Heidi Shoemaker responded one was still open and staff hoped to have if filled in the near future. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the appointment of Erica Myers to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.</p>	Heidi Shoemaker
C-10	<p>Staff recommended approval of the 2026 agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association (BJLBA) for use of Winslow Sports Park, generating an estimated \$18,000 in rental revenue. The agreement supported youth recreation in Bloomington and surrounding communities. Board comments Kathleen Mills inquired if this was the first time they needed overflow at Twin Lakes. Cody Martin responded it was the first time in recent history. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball for 2026. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.</p>	Cody Martin
C-11	<p>Staff recommended approval of the 2026 agreement with Monroe County Senior League Baseball Association (MCSLBA) for use of Winslow Sports Park generating an</p>	Cody Martin

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	estimated \$4,000 in rental revenue. The agreement supported youth recreation in Bloomington and surrounding communities. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the agreement with Monroe County Senior League Baseball Association for 2026. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	
C-12	Staff recommended approval of the 2026 agreement with Bloomington Football Club (BFC) for use of Winslow Sports Park generating an estimated \$8,000 in rental revenue. The agreement supported youth recreation in Bloomington and surrounding communities. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the agreement with Bloomington Football Club for 2026. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion unanimously carried by a 3-0 vote.	Cody Martin

D. Reports

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D-1	Presented 2025 Strategic Goals Update which contained status updated on the 114 goals set by the department across its many areas for 2025. Of the 114 goals, 57 were fully completed, another 16 were substantially completed and 19 were still in progress. That meant a total of 92 of the 114 goals were still on track to be completed.	Tim Street
D-2	Staff reported that aQity completed a community survey for the 2026-2030 Master Plan. The board packet included full survey results and a summary of the overall engagement including focus groups, staff input, and the summer 2025 community questionnaire. Key finding would help shape the actions and goals in the final Master Plan, which was expected to be presented to the board in the coming months.	Tim Street

E. Public Comment

Kathleen Mills opened the floor for public comments and none were received.

Department update by Tim Street, Director

Tim thanked Jeff with AQity, noting that the community survey report provided a great deal of valuable information for us to draw from. He shared that we are currently in the Master Plan process, where we are identifying our priority goals to be presented in the final plan. These goals center on community impact, investing in existing assets, financial sustainability, and supporting our staff.

Tim noted that the community survey both adds insight and affirms that we are on the right track. While there are additional needs and desires expressed by the community, there are also areas where expectations are being met well. It is our responsibility to continue meeting those expectations while also responding to community needs within our available resources.

He also provided updates on current and upcoming projects and events. New interior lighting has been installed at Switchyard Park. The front steps at Banneker are nearing completion, and a roofing project will soon begin to address water penetration issues. Energy efficiency investments are ongoing, including new LED lighting at Banneker and the Allison Jukebox. This year, we will also be pursuing solar panel installation at the Allison Jukebox.

Additional updates included the Powerline Trail project, which is currently out to bid, and the ongoing Tree Assistance Program, which continues to make a significant impact. Staff were especially busy at the end of January managing snow removal while maintaining programs and events during a major winter storm.

Tim also highlighted that staff are dedicating considerable time to digital accessibility efforts in preparation for an upcoming federal deadline. At the same time, the department is entering a busy seasonal ramp-up period, including preparations for the performing arts series, concerts, and the Farmers' Market.

The next meeting has been adjusted due to Spring Break and will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT 6:12 p.m.