CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Thursday, April 16, 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 Kathleen Mills called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM

I. **ROLL CALL Present Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey, and Israel Herrera**
II. **Staff present Tim Street, Leslie Brinson, Rebecca Swift, Satoshi Kido, Haskell Smith, Hsiung Marler, Julie Ramey, Bill Ream, Mark Marotz and Joanna Sparks**

A. Consent Calendar

Agenda Item Number	Topic/Description	Presenter
A-1	Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting	Kim Clapp
A-2	Approval of Claims Submitted March 22 2026 through April 16 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 with Monroe County History Center	Crystal Ritter
A-8	Partnership with Lake Monroe Sailing Association	Amy Shrake

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A-9	Partnership with Special Olympics	Amy Shrake
A-10	Agreement with Commercial Service for rec facility preventative maintenance	Kevin Terrell
A-11	Agreement with Horning Roof for TLRC roof repair	Daren Eads
A-12	Agreement with Weddle Brothers for BCT HVAC upgrades	Rebecca Swift
A-13	Amendment with Eco Logic for 2026 services	Mary Welz
Board	Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Israel Herrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.	Board

B. Public Hearings and Appearances

Agenda Item Number	Topic/Description	Presenter
B-1	Bravo Award – Doug Bruce	Julie Ramey

C. Other Business

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C-1	Staff recommended approval of a service contract with Master Rental. The total contract amount is not to exceed $31, 620, funded by the Switchyard Park Non Reverting fund (2211-18-189500-53990). The contract covers the installation and removal of construction fencing and portable restrooms for the Granfalloon Concerts at Switchyard Park. Indiana University will be reimbursing the Parks and Recreation Department for the amount expensed. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with Master Rental for these services. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Hsiung Marler
C-2	Staff recommended approval of a service contract with Harrell Fish Incorporated for preventative maintenance at Switchyard Park. The total contract amount is not to exceed $13,920 funded by the Switchyard Park General Fund (2204-18-189006-5361). HFI submitted the lowest of four quotes and has previously performed satisfactorily at Switchyard Park. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with HFI for preventative maintenance services at Switchyard Park. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Hsiung Marler

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C-3	Staff recommended approval of an Indemnity Agreement with Catalent Indiana, LLC for the use of the contractor parking lot during the three Granfalloon Concerts at Switchyard park. There is no fee in this agreement. Staff will be providing signage, staffing and security during the three Granfalloon Concerts during the months of June, July and August. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the Indemnity Agreement with Catalent, Indiana LLC for the use of the contractor parking lot during the Granfalloon Concerts at Switchyard Park. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Leslie Brinson
C-4	Staff recommended approval of a partnership agreement with Studio Cypher. The partnership agreement does not include a financial investment, but instead programming support for the new Free Range Arcade event taking place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Switchyard Park. Free Range Arcade brings together local and regional gaming developers and others for the community to try. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Studio Cypher for support with the Free Range Arcade Event at Switchyard Park. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Bill Ream
C-5	Staff recommended approval of the contract with SPEAR Aquatics. The total not to exceed amount is $9,999 to be paid out of both the Mills Pool and Bryan Park Pool General Fund Accounts (2204-18-182001-53630 and 2204-18-182002-53630). Services include start up and shutdown as well ongoing service during the Parks pool season. Any unexpected repairs will be quoted as needed during the season. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with SPEAR Aquatics for the ongoing services at both swimming pools. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Satoshi Kido
C-6	Staff recommends approval of a services agreement with Nature''s Way for landscaping services. The total of the contract is not to exceed $106,353.25 and to be paid by the Public Works Department. The landscaping services to be provided are for twenty planters located in the downtown area as part of the downtown planter improvement project. Services include maintenance of those replaced in 2025 and then two additional planters. Parks converted the maintenance of these planters to contractual in 2025. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with Nature's Way Inc for the	Joanna Sparks

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	landscaping services of the downtown planters. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	
C-7	Staff recommended approval of a services contract with Green Dragon Lawn Care for mowing and trimming services. The total of the contract not to exceed $15,000. Contract services will be paid from the Urban Greenspace General Fund budget (2204-18-189500-53990). Services provided by Green Dragon Lawn Care will be for on an as needed basis around the southern portion of the B-line and Rail Trails as well as additional locations. This is in addition to the 30 properties already under contract. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with Green Dragon Lawn Care for the mowing services of parks properties. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Joanna Sparks
C-8	Staff recommended approval of a services contract with Mother Nature Landscaping for Ash Tree treatment for Emerald Ash Borer. The total not to exceed the amount of the contract is $20,000 and is to be paid out of the Urban Forester General and a Non reverting grant (2204-18-189503-53990 and 2211-18-G25014-53990). Services will include treatment of approximately 82 trees located in areas such as Bryan park, 4th Street, Olcott Blvd, Bennington Blvd, Fenbrook, Forrester, and others. Replacement value of these trees is estimated at $400,000. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with Mother Nature Landscaping for the 2026 Ash Tree treatment for Emerald Ash Borer. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Haskell Smith
C-9	Staff recommended approval of a quitclaim deed for a 1.1 acre parcel known as the “Rose Parcel”, located east of the intersection of the Bloomington Rail Trail and Rogers Street. The total cost of this parcel is $10.00 and will be funded out of the Operations Division General Fund (2204-18-189000-53990). Accepted a portion of the parcel in the past and now Monroe County is accepting the complete parcel. The buildings that were on the property have been removed. The maintenance responsibilities moving forward would lie with the Parks Department. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the	Rebecca Swift

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	quitclaim deed to accept the 1.1 acres known as the "Rose Parcel." Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	
C-10	Staff recommended approval of a services contract with Convergint for the installation and access control equipment to implement a complete functional access control and monitoring system at the Operations Center security gate. The contract amount not to exceed $15,321 and to be paid out of the Operations Non reverting Fund with Cell Tour profits (2211-18-189000-53990). The contract will increase access and security for staff and equipment. Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the services contract with Convergint for control equipment for the Operations Gate Security. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Rebecca Swift
C-11	Staff recommended approval of the service contract with Precision Quality Contracting to provide and install needed components to power the new Adams Street Operations Center Security Gate. The contract amount not to exceed $7638 to be paid out of the Operations Non Reverting Fund with Cell Tour profits (2211-18-189000-53990). Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the service contract with Precision Quality Contracting for electrical services for Security Gate. Israel Herrera seconded the motion unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote.	Rebecca Swift

D. Reports

Agenda Item Number	Topic/Description	Presenter
D-1	Presentation of Draft 2025 Annual Report. The Annual Report is for review of the last year, unaudited financial data and participation numbers. Still collecting a few pieces of information, so will ask for formal approval of the report in May.	Julie Ramey
D-2	Presentation of Draft 2026-2030 Master Plan : Tim Street introduced the project and process and then introduced Jamie Sabbagh with 110%. Jamie presented the Master Plan draft to the board. The board did not have any questions at this time. The Master Plan will be up for final review at the next meeting.	Tim Street

E. Public Comment: Kathleen Mills opened the floor to public comments. Public comment was received from Brandon Bothell concerning Marshall Security wage theft and unethical practices.

F. Tim Street, Director gave a brief department update.

I. ADJOURNMENT – Kathleen Mills adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm.