



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Board of Park Commissioners

Date: August 20, 2026

Agenda

- I. Roll Call-** Kathleen Mills called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey, Israel Herrera attended in person. Jim Whitlatch attended via Zoom.

II. Agenda

A. Consent Calendar

1. Consent Calendar—Ellen Rodkey moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

B. Public Hearings and Appearances

1. [Bravo Award](#) - Alex Weissman
 - a) Emily Buuck presented the Bravo Award to Alex Weissman. Alex Weissman thanked the Board Members, City of Bloomington and Parks and Rec Department for the award.
2. [Staff Intro - Molly Cockerham](#)
 - a) Molly Cockerham, office manager, gave a staff introduction.
3. Honorary Naming Request for Les Coyne
[Submitted letter \(3rd Party Content\)](#) | [Staff Report](#)
 - a) Mick Renneisen presented a presentation regarding the legacy of Les Coyne and how to preserve that legacy through naming the Griffy Lake Loop Trail the Les Coyne Griffy Lake Loop Trail. The park commissioners all had positive comments regarding naming the trail after Les Coyne. Tim Street, Parks and Recreation Director stated that a resolution would have to be placed on the next meeting to officially vote for the trail name to be changed.

C. Other Business

1. [Election of Secretary](#)

- a) Tim Street presented the staff report for election of secretary. Ellen Rodkey moved to approve the election of Molly Cockerham as secretary. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

2. [Resolution 26-03](#) for adoption of [Board of Park Commissioners bylaws](#)

Molly Cockerham | [Staff Report](#)

- a) Molly Cockerham, Office Manager presented the staff report for the resolution of adopting Board of Park Commissioners bylaws. Ellen Rodkey moved to approve the adoption of bylaws. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

3. [Agreement with Championship Greens for pour-in-place repairs](#)

Amy Leyenbeck | [Staff Report](#)

- a) Mark Marotz, Operations Superintendent presented the staff report on behalf of Amy Leyenbeck. Mark stated that Championship Greens will be repairing surfaces at 5 different locations. Ellen Rodkey moved to approve the agreement with Championship Greens. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

4. [Duke Easement Agreement](#)

Rebecca Swift | [Staff Report](#)

- a) Tim Street, Parks and Recreation Director presented the staff report about the Duke Easement Agreement. The board did not have any questions regarding the Easement. Ellen Rodkey moved to approve the Easement with Duke. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

5. 2027 General Fund Budget

Tim Street | [Budget Memo \(p. 135\)](#) | [Staff Report](#)

- a) Tim Street, Parks and Recreation Director presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the general fund budget. The presentation will also be given at the City Council meeting on Monday, August 24th. Kathleen Mills, board president asked a question regarding the city website versus the Parks and Recreation registration page if they could all be one system which Tim Street answered

they could not be one system and the City Website stays separate from the Parks and Recreation. There were no other questions about the general fund budget. Ellen Rodkey moved to support the general fund presentation. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

6. 2027 Non-Reverting Budget

Tim Street | [Budget Worksheet](#) | [Staff Report](#)

- a) Tim Street, Parks and Recreation Director presented the non-reverting budget. This was not for the board to make a vote on the budget, but to review the non-reverting budget and ask any questions. No questions were asked.

D. Reports

1. [Bloomington Parks and Recreation benchmarking report](#)

Leslie Brinson

- a) Leslie Brinson, Recreation Division Director gave a report regarding how the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation department compares to other Parks and Recreation departments on a National level. Overall, the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation department outperforms the national average on all categories.

2. [Aquatics 2026 Season Updates](#)

Chris Hamric

- a) Chris Hamric presented on the 2026 aquatics season. Highlights included data for pool usage, pool fee waiver usage and how the pools did financially this summer. Chris also highlighted ideas for next year including improving swim lessons and adding water aerobics to Mills Pools. Ellen Rodkey, asked about evening pool swim hours from 7pm-9pm which Chris responded that it is something they could look into for next year.

3. [Frank Southern Ice Arena 2026-2027 Reopening Update](#)

Chris Hamric

- a) Chris presented on the repairs at the Frank Southern Ice Arena and goals for the ice arena this year. Highlights include increased participation in youth hockey, completing emergency procedure protocol with the Bloomington Fire Department and the ice arena will open September 1st this year. The board did not have any

questions for Chris regarding the opening of Frank Southern Ice Arena.

III. Public Comment

A. No public comment

IV. Adjournment

Board Membership

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, and in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Board 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
Jim Whitlatch	Mayor	1/1/2025	1/1/2025-12/31/2028
Ellen Rodkey	Mayor	1/1/2026	1/1/2026-12/31/2029

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