



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Board of Park Commissioners

Date: September, 28 2026

Agenda

- I. **Roll Call** - Kathleen Mills called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey, Israel Herrera attended in person. Jim Whitlatch was not in attendance.
- II. **Agenda**
 - A. **Reports**
 1. [2026 Investment Priorities Plan](#) - Tim Street
 - a) Tim Street gave a presentation of the 2026 priorities investment plan. The presentation consisted of 15 slides detailing the priority areas of the Parks and Recreation department in which a 7 million dollar bond and a possible 10 million dollar grant could help fund projects in the community.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - A. There was about an hour of public comment. The majority of the comments were in support of adding pickleball courts, adding turf to the existing baseball fields at Winslow Sports complex and advocating for the Frank Southern Ice Arena improvements along with the ice arena to be open year round for hockey and ice skating activities. In addition, there was public comment supporting the multi use sport court addition to Building Trades.
 - B. The board members as well had time for comment. Ellen Rodkey asked Tim Street about the sponsorship/naming contract to pursue a contract to investigate major sponsorship and naming opportunities. Tim Street explained that there are companies who help get larger corporate sponsorship to help with donations to be able to increase the amount of money and resources given to the Parks Department to help make improvements to the facilities. In addition, Ellen Rodkey also

commented that the public comment was excellent tonight but the Parks Department should also remember to think about the individual users of the parks including pool guests and trail users instead of larger organized groups who also participate in parks and participated in public comment tonight. Lastly, she asked what the next steps were in the process. Tim Street stated that the application for the grant is due at the end of October and will continue to work on the grant application. Once more specifics of the grant can be secured, then the determination can be made that the grant money can be used for certain parks assets and the bond money can be used for the others. Israel Herrera commented that the Parks and Recreation department should continue to use other parks departments in Indiana as examples of ways to develop larger sports complexes as suggested by the community members this evening. Kathleen Mills commented a thanks to everyone for participating in public comment this evening and the Parks Department will continue to look forward to improving the existing facilities.

IV. Adjournment

A. Kathleen Mills adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Board Membership

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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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