CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION

Board of Park Commissioners Meeting

Addendum 1 - 10 November, 2026

Agenda for November 12th at 5pm

This meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, (401 N. Morton St, Bloomington, Ind.) and may also be accessed remotely via Zoom at the following link:

https://bloomington.zoom.us/s/81153318994?pwd=9yTneoOwNiMEdhRstEc3kbdaDgDaAa.1

Board of Park Commissioners meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- CATS TV: https://catstv.net/
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@communityaccesstelevisions9400

Materials for this meeting can be found on the Board of Park Commissioner's website, which is located at the following address:

https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/park-commissioners

City Public Park Hours and Access Policy

1. Purpose

This policy establishes standard operating hours for all City of Bloomington public parks to ensure community safety, support resource conservation, and maintain public infrastructure, while balancing the need for community mobility and active recreation.

2. Standard Operating Hours

All public parks shall be officially open to the public daily from **30 minutes before dawn until 30 minutes after dusk**.

3. Permitted After-Hours Extended Access

Outside of the standard operating hours specified in Section 2, the public is permitted to access park pathways and trails for the following limited purposes, provided users remain continuously in motion:

- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Transit:** Direct movement through the park to travel from one point outside the park to another.

- **Dog Walking:** Walking dogs on designated paths or sidewalks, subject to all applicable local leash and waste-removal laws.
- **Active Exercise:** Jogging, running, or walking on designated trails.

Loitering, gathering, utilizing playgrounds, or occupying park structures (such as pavilions or gazebos) during closed hours remains strictly prohibited unless specific exceptions are given by this policy or by approval of the Parks Depratment.

4. Exceptions for Special Events and Authorized Uses
The standard operating hours may be extended or modified under the following circumstances:

- **Permitted Special Events:** Events that receive a valid park usage permit (e.g., festivals, night runs, community concerts) may operate during the specific hours approved within the permit.
- **Department Sanctioned Programs:** Activities or sports leagues directly organized or sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Emergency or Maintenance Operations:** Access by authorized municipal employees, contractors, or emergency services for maintenance, utility work, or public safety purposes.

5. Enforcement and Penalties
Any person occupying a public park outside of standard operating hours for purposes other than those expressly permitted in Section 3, or without a valid permit under Section 4, shall be subject to a citation for trespass or violation of park regulations in accordance with the Bloomington Municipal Code.