

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

April 2, 2026

1. Call to order

Chair, Richard Grudin called the Thursday, April 2, 2026, Regular Session of the North Liberty Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 360 N. Main Street.

Board Members Present: Donglin Chai, Shannon Greene, Richard Grudin, and Gwen Johnson.

Board Members Absent: Nick Arnold, Jeremy Parrish, and Kevin Smith.

Others Present: Guy Goldsmith, Tim Hamer, Brian Motley, and Shelly Simpson.

2. Approval of Minutes

The March 5, 2026 minutes were reviewed. Upon motion duly made by Gwen Johnson, seconded by Donglin Chai, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting were approved.

A. Approve minutes from March 5 meeting**3. Public Comments**

Public can address board: State name, address and inquiry subject.

Rachel Stedlan, residing on Mary Lane addressed the board with concerns about rapid development versus green space/play areas within neighborhoods. Guy Goldsmith directed her to reach out to Ryan Rusnack, City Planner and the Planning & Zoning Commission who know the most recent plans of development happening in the city. Bringing concerns to the City Council during public comments is another avenue. Suggestion to perhaps update the Parks Plan and maps to show park locations and "dessert" areas would be considered. Board members expressed their appreciation and her inquiry would be recorded in meeting minutes.

4. Centennial Park Splashpad

Guy Goldsmith, Parks Director, provided an update on Centennial Park Splashpad. Conlon Construction was awarded the project with low bid of \$2,610,800. Construction to begin soon with building first, splashpad features to follow after Blues & BBQ, with completion of project targeted for April/May of 2027. Updates will be provided on monthly basis.

A. Update**5. Parks**

Guy Goldsmith, Parks Director provided monthly report and answered questions.

A. Report**6. Recreation**

Shelly Simpson, Recreation Director, provided monthly report and answered questions.

A. Report

7. Upcoming Events

Shelly Simpson, Recreation Director mentioned upcoming events listed.

- A. Eggstravaganza Events
Underwater Egg Hunt- March 29
Bunny Clue Trail & Egg Coloring- April 4
- B. Summer Activity Guide
- C. NLCC Open House - April 8
- D. Muddy Creek Clean Up - April 11

8. Community Input / New Ideas to Share

None reported.

9. Old Business

None reported.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting: May 7, 2026 at 7:00pm

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:00pm

11. Adjournment

Shannon Greene moved; Gwen Johnson seconded to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The vote was all ayes.
Meeting adjourned.

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By: _____
Shelly Simpson, Recreation Director