

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

August 6, 2026

1. Call to order

Board Member, Nick Arnold called the Thursday, August 6, 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.

2. Approval of Minutes**A. Approve minutes from June 4, 2026 meeting.**

Sheila Geneser moved, Gwen Johnson seconded to approve minutes. The vote was all ayes. Minutes approved.

B. No meeting held on July 2, 2026, thus no minutes.**3. Public Comments**

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

No public comment was received.

4. Welcome, New Board Members**A. Two new members; Sheila Geneser and Nathan Timmel.**

Nick Arnold welcomed and introduced two new board members; Sheila Gesener and Nathan Timmel.

B. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair Positions

Nathan Timmel nominated Nick Arnold to be Chair, seconded by Gwen Johnson with no objections.

Nick Arnold appointed as Chair.

Kevin Smith nominated Gwen Johnson to be Vice Chair, seconded by Donglin Chai with no objections.

Gwen Johnson appointed as Vice Chair.

5. Reports**A. Parks**

Guy Goldsmith presented his monthly report and answered questions.

Two major discussions included EBike and EScooter damage at Fox Run Park totaling \$38,000.

Discussion included see something, say something, rider speeds, etiquette, safety & education.

New 40 acre park land acquired for \$3.6 Million. Litigation over, concept plan includes soccer complex, board wants public input on naming rights, park amenity ideas, and more.

Gwen Johnson mentioned putting up additional signs for safety reasons on bike path crossing at intersection of Juniper & Penn.

B. Recreation

Shelly Simpson presented monthly report and answered questions.

Brian Motley added info on soccer program, upcoming Supreme Programs, on-line reservation

processes, and gymnasium closure Aug 17-20 for refinish of wood floors.

Nick Arnold inquired about formulating a Park & Rec outreach survey, especially with new park land development. Ideas included attending Park & Rec meetings, creation of survey, QR codes, suggestion boxes, focus groups, and so forth to get public input.

6. Upcoming Events

Shelly mentioned upcoming events listed.

- A. Upcoming Events:
 - August 9 - Buckets & Boards
 - August 14 - CR Kernels Game
 - August 22 - Street Dance
 - August 24 - Most schools begin.

7. Community Input / New Ideas to Share

Nick Arnold recapped safety concern at Juniper & Penn Street and Park & Recreation survey ideas/suggestions on new park land acquired.

8. Old Business

No old business shared.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting date noted.

- A. Next meeting scheduled for September 3, 2026 at 7:00pm.

10. Adjournment

Kevin Smith moved; Donglin Chai seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Shelly Simpson, Recreation Director