



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: Shelly Simpson, Brian Motley, Tim Hamer, Richard Grugin, Shannon Greene, Nick Arnold, Kevin Smith

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve April 3, 2025 minutes: Greene; Second: Smith. Approved via unanimous consent.

3. Reports

Parks Report – Tim Hamer

- Hamer referenced the submitted written report, highlights below:
- City field use is in full swing
- Completed drainage work at Penn Meadows and Owen Skelley Field
- Tree trimming and preventative maintenance completed
- Muddy Creek clean up completed
- Centennial Park and North Liberty Road Trail projects continue
- City received 30th consecutive Tree City USA designation
- Fish population survey completed by DNA at city ponds
- Vehicle removed from Goose Lake after winter accident
- Citywide clean up held
- Seasonal employee interviews complete
- There was discussion about the North Liberty Trail project and the road improvement project timeline and about parking at Penn Meadows during sports tournaments.

Recreation/Pool Report—Shelly Simpson

- Simpson referenced her written report. Highlights below:
- Registration for summer programming and camps underway
- April 2 open house was very successful with new memberships
- Several “Eggstravaganza” events held with over 800 people attending
- Staff CPR recertification held
- Aqua programs continue to perform well
- Launched new grow your own garden workshop with 30 participants
- Court rental system has moved online which has resulted in more reservations of those courts
- Outdoor pool work will fix leak and plan is to open on schedule this summer
- With Iowa City pool closure, anticipate a larger demand for the pool this summer

4. Questions, Concerns, Updates

- There was discussion about the swimming program, new senior activity program, new membership pricing model and punch pass, pool repairs, pool use/capacity this summer,

5. Community Input / Ideas to Share

6. Upcoming Events

- Remarkable Rigs - May 10
- Playground Crawl - May 17

7. New Business

8. Old Business

9. Next Meeting

a. Thursday, June 5, 2025

10. Adjourn Motion: Arnold; Second: Smith. None opposed.