



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

Present: Shelly Simpson, Tim Hamer, Guy Goldsmith, Richard Grugin, Gwen Johnson, Kevin Smith, Donglin Chai

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Grugin

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 1, 2025 minutes: Greene; Second: Smith. Approved via unanimous consent.

3. Public Comments

- Angela McConnell and Austin Schoning from the City addressed the Commission and answered questions from the Commission about the dog park and general pet issues in the community. They presented information for review. McConnell provided a brief history of the dog park, passes, licenses, and operations and answered questions from the commission. She and the commission stressed the importance of licensing of pets by owners each year.

4. Board appointments

- Parrish and Arnold have been reappointed to new terms on the Commission.

5. Reports

Parks Report – Guy Goldsmith

- Goldsmith referenced his submitted written report, highlights include:
- New facilities manager position has been filled.
- Mowing, trail work, and various tasks have kept the department busy through the summer.
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops will be working on projects with the Parks Department
- Work on Centennial Park project continues
- Trail near dog park is complete and speed limit lowered to 35 mph
- There was conversation among the Commission regarding the submitted report.
- LED light upgrade on the tennis court is complete and allows for push button activation.

Recreation/Pool Report—Shelly Simpson

- Simpson referenced her written report, highlights include:
- Fall activity guide is now available.
- Summer camps and programs are in full swing
- Pool use remains high and consistent. Capacity limit has helped with pool clarity issues.
- New programs included golf camp and girls flag football
- There was conversation among the Commission regarding the submitted report.

6. Questions, Concerns, Updates

7. Community Input / Ideas to Share

8. Upcoming Events

- Kernels Night at the Ballpark
- North Liberty Block Party
- Ranshaw Movie Night

9. New Business

10. Old Business

11. Next Meeting

a. Thursday, September 4, 2025.

12. Adjourn Motion: Smith; Second: Johnson. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.