

PARKS COMMISSION

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MEMBERS

James Daly, Terry Collins, Dan Bruggeman, Beth Blanco, Ralph Tillotson
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Monday, June 15, 2026

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Ralph Tillotson, Terry Collins, James Daly, Beth Blanco, Jim Van Doren

Also Present: Board Member Dan Bruggeman, Building & Grounds Deputy Superintendent Thomas Kaminski, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Community Development Coordinator Lisa Hewitt-Cruz, and Julie Connely

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Comm. Tillotson.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2026

Motion by Collins to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026, seconded by Blanco. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott reviewed the Parks financial reports.

IV. Parks Updates

A. Parks Monthly Report

Building and Grounds Deputy Kaminski provided monthly highlights.

BiCentennial's cargo bridge recently had some boards replaced; they are also hoping to paint the footbridge.

Basketball hoops at Gerber Park are being replaced.

The dock has been placed at Iron Lake; one of the poles has sunk, and the Building & Grounds department will be retrieving it.

Recently a volunteer group, Medina Pioneers, spent the day cutting down brush and removing leaves at Medina Park.

The roofing project at Ramsdell Park remains in progress.

Discussion opened up regarding a bridge at Medina Park, to access the additional 40 acres

that is owned by the County. Currently, the land on the other side of the creek is inaccessible.

Kaminski reported they obtained quotes in the past for a bridge that would hold equipment to maintain the additional 40 acres; that expense was over \$300,000. They also spoke to the homeowner who owns the property next to Medina Park land, and they were not interested in partnering to access it.

Kaminski stated if a footbridge was installed, there would be no way to properly maintain the land, since equipment could not go over the footbridge.

Discussion continued regarding the expense of installing a footbridge.

The approximate width of the creek at Media Park is 30 feet, at its narrowest point.

Research regarding other options to access the additional land will continue to be looked at.

V. Updates & Other Business

No comment.

VI. Public Comment

Julie Connely commented regarding the River Raisin Watershed Quest. The event included seven teams and the organization received many compliments from the participants.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Collins, Seconded by Bruggeman to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 AM. Motion carried.