

**WARREN PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Commissioner Sawka at 6:37pm

**In Attendance:**, Adam Sawka, George Chapp, Heather Craig, Sara Frederick, Ken Voss, Amy Motyka

**Excused Absence:** Jim Schoenherr, Ken Dalpra

**Unexcused Absence:** Mike McCrillis

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion by Commissioner Chapp, seconded by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote on approval of January 15, 2025 Minutes:** A motion by Commissioner Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Craig to approve the minutes from January 15, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**A. Skate Park Developments**

- Includes restrooms, a pavilion, parking lot, entrance, landscaping, drainage, and a pathway.
- City permissions are required before continuing work.
- July date for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**B. Splash Pad Update**

- Located at Wiegand Park with 21 features, including water jets and splash zones.
- Renovations include restrooms, pavilion, new furnishings, and lighting.
- Completion expected by middle of June.

**C. Halmich Park Renovations**

- Ball diamond restroom renovations are completed.
- Upcoming bid for south restrooms and north pavilion renovation.
- North Pavilion renovations include new bathrooms and utility shed.
- Hoping to begin north pavilion & restrooms in August 2025 with completion by spring 2026.
- Pavilion to hold 500 people, with potential for enclosed space using garage doors.

**New Business:**

**A. Veterans Park Pickle Ball & Basketball Courts**

- Plans were received to construct 6 pickle ball courts and a basketball court
- Will be in the south side of the park, where the old pool was located.

***B. WCC Court Renovation***

**Bid out the renovation of the west court yard at the community center. New landscape design.**

**C. Micro Tree Planting**

**Urban Community Forestry Grant:**

- \$195,000 received for a citywide tree inventory and planting.
- \$165,000 allocated for inventory, \$30,000 for planting, with plans to enhance canopy and landscape, particularly at Eckstein Park.
- No matching funds required; 100% reimbursement upon completion.

**D. Summer Park Staffing**

The department is in need of summer staff and will be offering incentive pay for some maintenance and life guarding positions.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made at 7:28pm by Commissioner Fredrick, seconded by Commissioner Chapp. The motion passed unanimously.