

**WARREN PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Commissioner Salka at 6:32pm

In Attendance: Mike McCrillis, Adam Sawka, Ken Voss, Heather Craig, Sara Frederick, Amy Motyka,

Excused Absence George Chapp

Unexcused Absence: Jim Schoenherr, Ken Dalpra

Commissioner Ken Dalpra resigned as of Monday, October 13.

A motion by Commissioner McCrillis, seconded by Commissioner Frederick to recommend to the Mayor to remove Jim Schoenherr from the Commission for missing the last 4 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Vote on approval of July 16, 2025 Minutes: A motion by Commissioner Frederick, seconded by Commissioner McCrillis to approve the minutes from July 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of new Director, Jason Spiller

Old Business:

A. Update on Skate Park and Splash Pad

- Skate Park Status and Operations
 - Progress update
 - Parking lot poured and striped; bathrooms under remodeling; turf areas sodded/seeded. While not officially open, the park is being used by residents.
 - Monitoring
 - Temporary cameras were tested for ~2.5 months under a vendor's evaluation; cameras are being returned. The city plans an RFP for a citywide camera system to ensure compatibility and avoid wasted spend.
 - Grand opening
 - None planned for this year due to season and bathroom status; target likely spring next year.
 - Sponsorships and amenities
 - Exploring vendor sponsorships, potential stands, and improved signage to help visitors find the park; gate installation is anticipated but timing and scope are unclear.
- Splash Pad Status
 - The splash pad was never open. Most installations appear complete, but legal issues with the contractor over questionable work are ongoing.
It will not open this year; weather now further constrains timelines

B. Veterans Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts

- a. Update
 - i. Asphalt is down; fencing installed. Post holes for pickleball posts being dug; sealing and line painting pending. Basketball nets not yet installed.
- b. No completion deadline provided by contractors/engineers.

New Business:

- Birthday Bash Recap
 - Event ran three days (Thursday–Saturday) on August 21st–23rd; carnival operated four days through Sunday.
 - Programming changes
 - “Country Thursdays” switched to Motown, drawing a noticeably larger crowd.
 - Headliners
 - Air Margaritaville (Jimmy Buffett tribute) and Simply Queen (Queen tribute). Drone show and fireworks on Saturday drew very large crowds and received positive feedback.
 - Financials
 - Carnival revenue was \$99,306; Parks & Rec share was 30%, totaling \$29,791.80. DDA reportedly funds much of Birthday Bash; detailed financial flow not fully confirmed. City liability and insurance handled through Clerk’s office; CERT and police supported traffic control.
 - Ice Cream Social, Mingle, Transportation, and Day Trips
 - Senior ice cream social was highly successful; registration capped at 125, with ~100 attendees who completed surveys. Approximately 25 expressed interest in a focus group to help plan senior activities; more than 20 non-members requested info on joining the community center.
- Meeting Dates for 2026
- January 14, April 15, July 15, October 14

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:19pm by Commissioner Craig, seconded by Commissioner Fredrick. The motion passed unanimously.