

Meeting Notes-Regular Meeting of the

City of Columbia City Park Board

Park Office, 400 N. Whitley St.

Monday, February 23, 2026

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Mark Ellis called the meeting to order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members: Kim Varga, Roger Ferrell, Mark Ellis
 - b. Park Superintendent: Matt Heiden
 - c. Absent: Karen Koday
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Kim motioned to approved minutes, and Roger seconded with all approving aye
- IV. Communication/Acceptance of Agenda
- V. Old Business
 - a. The pool motor has been returned and reinstalled
 - b. Water is still being installed in Dog Park
 - c. Finalizing sponsorship levels and banner costs
 - d. Father/Daughter age has been set to 18 and under. Father/Daughter event went well. There were some adjustments made to the food line this year that helped move people through more smoothly. The daughters were also announced upon entry and that was well received.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Locks are being changed out at the Dreamland Pavilion. Lights are being updated.
 - b. Chip Hill, the community development director, is going to be donating a residential oven from the Marshall Building's kitchen to the Dreamland pavilion.
 - c. Vicki Jones would like to set up a "Blessing Box" in Morsches Park. The Blessing Box will hold non-perishable items in it and the items will be free for people to take. There was much discussion about the possibilities for the box and locations, but the discussion was tabled until next meeting allowing for more time to think about it.

- d. The Buddy System will be using the Eagle Park track for a 5K event supporting veterans and their service animals. The event will take place on April 11th.
 - e. Discussion was brought up about an influx in travel teams being formed and requesting use of the park baseball diamonds. There is concern that the Park league may see a downfall in players due to more travel teams being created.
 - f. The quotes for the fencing around the dog park were discussed at great length and comparisons were made between three different contractors. There were concerns that were discussed about how to prevent dogs from digging under the fence and making sure the fencing material is strong enough that a dog cannot tear through it. A decision was not made today as to which contractor we will be going with as they would like more information on certain items.
- VII. Consultation/Discussion
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. Matt motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Mark seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Minutes submitted by: Emilee Button Administrative Assistant