

Meeting Notes-Regular Meeting of the

City of Columbia City Park Board

Park Office, 400 N. Whitley St.

Monday, March 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, Karen Koday, Jeremy Platt
  - b. Park Superintendent: Matt Heiden
- 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. Buddy System will be using the Eagle Park for a fun run benefit on April 11
  - b. Locks were changed at Dreamland Pavilion and lights were updated and a dumpster added. Should be available to rent out at the end of March
  - c. Matt is putting together new sponsorship levels which include donations of \$100,000, \$200,000 and \$500,000
  - d. Decision was made not to have a Blessing Box in Morsches Park
- VI. New Business
  - a. Opening Day is April 25 and will include a bouncy house, a parade of athletes/teams and concessions
  - b. The quotes for the fencing around the dog park were discussed at great length and board wanted a clause added to contract that company would come back for the 1st year to fix and repair fence as needed. Karen moved that we accept the quote from Bechtold Construction LLC and was seconded by Kim with all approving aye
  - c. Discussion concerning the sealing of the Pickle ball courts ended with a decision made to go with the recommended options given by Proficient Facility Services at a cost of \$25,700. Karen moved to accept quote with Roger seconding and all voting aye.
  - d. Tiffany from Peabody Public Library gave a presentation on Storywalks - a series of signs containing pages from a book allowing families to read a story along the park trails. Library will fund and install signs along the forested section of the trail through Morsches Park. The board loved the

idea and Roger moved that we move forward on this project with Kim seconding the motion and all voting aye.

- e. Tiles need to be repaired and replaced on the pool and Matt stated that a quote will be coming soon

VII. Consultation/Discussion

- a. Should we consider making signs to indicate which, if any, motorized vehicles are allowed on sections of the trail? No decisions were made and discussion was tabled for a later time
- b. Discussed painting lines on the trail to mark distances and allow people to tell where they are on the trail
- c. Amphitheater has been discussed at regular Monday meetings and is moving forward as planned

VII. Adjournment

- a. Karen motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Kim seconded the motion and all voted aye

Minutes submitted by: Karen Koday, Park Board Secretary