



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025, 5:00 PM

In person at City Hall, Room 207.

Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.

AMENDED

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314784824?pwd=THBkd mRwTl k4MG5DV3h h b C9 xVDh Xdz09>

Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 843 1478 4824

Passcode: 278667

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B. ROLL CALL.

- I. Members: Melinda Eck, Joey Prestley, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, July 30, 2025, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Galvin for the City to obtain an RRFB for the cross walk at Monroe Avenue and St. James Park.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve proceeding with staff recommendations regarding upgrades to the cross walk at Monroe Avenue and St. James Park and continue to monitor for the possible installation of an RRFB in the future.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Consideration with possible action on the approval of hiring WDM Architects to complete a Strategic Business Plan and Masterplan for the Wildlife Sanctuary for a total cost of \$310,000.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve hiring WDM Architects to complete a Strategic Business Plan and Masterplan for the Wildlife Sanctuary for a total cost of \$310,000.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

3. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a Change Order for \$70,680 to ISG's contract for the engineering associated with the Leicht Park redevelopment.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve a Change Order for \$70,680 to ISG's contract for the engineering associated with the Leicht Park redevelopment.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

4. Consideration with possible action on hiring Somerville to design and create construction bid documents for the JBS Barn for a total cost of \$122,700.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve hiring Somerville to design and create construction bid documents for the JBS Barn for a total cost of \$122,700.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-Melinda Eck, Abstain-None.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to receive and place on file the Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Next Meeting: August 13, 2025.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, July 30, 2025, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.