



# **MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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=THBkdMwTlk4MG5DV3hhbC9xVDhXdz09>

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, September 10, 2025, meeting of the Parks Committee.

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

Motion Passed.

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

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- I. Approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, 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.**

- I. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Johnson to review and update city ordinance 28.37 related to violations for tree removal, and all correlating ordinances and adopted policies that impact the penalty for violating 28.34 or other unspecified ordinances related to public shrubs and trees.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to refer to staff the request by Ald. Johnson to review and update city ordinance 28.37 related to violations for tree removal, and all correlating ordinances and adopted policies that impact the penalty for violating 28.34 or other unspecified ordinances related to public shrubs and trees.

Motion Passed.

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

2. Consideration with possible action on accepting a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for \$1,700 to go towards 1/2 of the cost of a prescribed prairie burn at He-Nis-Ra Park.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve accepting a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for \$1,700 to go towards 1/2 of the cost of a prescribed prairie burn at He-Nis-Ra Park.

Motion Passed.

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

#### **F. INFORMATIONAL.**

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

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush 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: September 24, 2025

### **G. ADJOURNMENT.**

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, September 10, 2025, meeting of the Parks Committee.

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

Motion Passed.

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