



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026, 5:00 PM

In person at City Hall, Room 207.

Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88995993315?pwd=juhDPk4acxAxMySiEo6HWQVgkL4vbFF.I>

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B. ROLL CALL.

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

C. ELECTION

- I. Election of Chairperson of the Parks Committee.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Parks Committee Chair.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to nominate Ald. Ben Delie as Parks Committee Chairperson.

There were no other nominations.

Motion Passed.

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

2. Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Parks Committee.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Parks Committee Vice-Chairperson.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben Delie to nominate Ald. Jim Ridderbush for Committee Vice-Chairperson.

There were no other nominations.

Motion Passed.

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

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, April 29, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

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

Motion Passed.

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2026 Parks Committee meeting.

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

Motion Passed.

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

F. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on hiring GRAEF for a total cost of \$123,000 for architectural/engineering services related to the design of a new shelter/concession stand at Colburn Park.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve hiring GRAEF for a total cost of \$123,000 for architectural/engineering services related to the design of a new shelter/concessions stand at Colburn Park.

Motion Passed.

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

G. INFORMATIONAL.

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

Department.

2. Next Meeting: May 13, 2026.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

- I. Adjournment of the Wednesday, April 29, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

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

Motion Passed.

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