REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
BROWN RECREATION CENTER
2165 AMOS AVE.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 5:30PM

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Linda Ames, Matt Jones, Chris Mitchell, and Don Harris. Commissioner Craig Sykes was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2026 (Pages 245-247)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2026 was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF AUGUST 12,2026 (Provided)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Closed Session of August 26, 2026 was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 248)

A. Finance Committee (Chris Mitchell, Chairman)
None

B. Engineering Committee (Matt Jones, Chairman)
None

C. Municipal Relations Committee (Craig Sykes, Chairman)
None

D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee (Linda Ames, Chairman)
None

V. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 249-262)

Motion to approve the Finance Report was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

VI. TREASURER’S REPORT (Pages 263-282)

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board
None

B. Request for use of facilities

1. Requests from the Madison County Clerk to use Brown Recreation, Lincoln Place Community Center, and the Wilson Park Ice Rink for the general election on November 3, 2026 (Pages 283-285)

Motion to approve the Request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

C. Other
None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 286)

XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 287)

XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 288)

The pool was open 18 or 19 days less than last season because of the closure for the slide repair. There was a loss of approximately 1,200 people over that time period compared to last year. The pool was busier longer into the season this year. Numbers were not overly high, but had increased bather loads throughout the days than last year.

Opening the Splash Pad earlier in the day has had a positive response.

Pool Report (Page 289)
Ice Rink Report (Page 290)
Concessions Report (Page 291)

XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 292-293)

XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Audit

Hughes, Cameron and Company will be on-site next week for our annual audit.

E-Bikes and Park Hours

Attorney Robertson and I are continuing to work on the necessary adjustments to present at an upcoming meeting. Once we get approval, we will add signage to all park locations that includes closure times and other park rules.

New legislation was signed today regarding e-bikes and will take effect July 1, 2027. The current ordinance allows hours to be set by the Park Director.

Head Start

On Tuesday, August 25th I met with Head Start representatives at the Niedringhaus Building. They are working to find a solution for getting buses closer to the building for student drop-off and pick-up. They hope to gain access to the side of their building using the Park District access road from State Street. This access would cover approximately 75 feet; they would then add a rock road next to the building, provided the Park District approves using the existing access point.The new rock road would allow four buses, twice daily, to loop near the doors at the end of the building and exit onto State Street.

Bradley and Justin think this is doable. The Park District might put a cattle gate at the end of the road and the Head Start staff can open and close it as needed.

Pool

Facilities Manager Joey Hall was notified today that the new wading pool pump will be installed next week. Once installed, the pump will be activated to ensure it is operational for the start of the 2027 season.

In addition to the pump, we have identified some serious issues with the wading pool surface. We have made initial contact to obtain guidance on necessary concrete

repairs before opening next season. These are just a few of the major expense items that require attention prior to next season's opening. It might be necessary to hold a committee meeting to discuss upcoming pool needs.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM
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