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Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:30 PM

161 North Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call: Amy Jo Meyers, Ryan Rostad, Michelle Hoppe-Miller, Ellen Agnew, Louise Voss, Lisa Lawson, Kristen Hart excused.

Determination of Quorum: Quorum Met

Notice of Open Meeting: Posted

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Michelle, second by Ellen to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lisa, second by Michelle to approve minutes. Motion carried.

1. Approval of March 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business

New Business

2. Colton Smith Presentation of Proposed Eagle Scout Project: Colton Smith shared a power point with the committee to ask for permission to build a bench to place in a park of our choice. He explained the steps needed to complete his Eagle Scout Project, type of lumber and materials. The bench(es) would be like the ones in our parks, currently. The Committee had asked if the bench would be heavy enough to prevent someone from walking off with it.

3. Community Center Updates: Kim would like to have an Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity for adults in our community. We would gather volunteers and to help our veterans. Here are ideas she had:
Troop Monthly Activities

- July: Email “group smiles” photos
- Aug–Sept: Christmas, Hanukkah & Kwanzaa items
- October: Pet photos (emailed)
- Nov: “Thinking of You” cards
- Oct–Nov: Holiday cards & gifts for local vets
- December: Spring flower photos/art
- January: Spring cards
- February: Neighborhood photos + descriptions
- March: “Hello” notes
- April–June: TBA

Packaging Days (10 AM–12 PM)

- October (TBA): Christmas-themed
- February (TBA): Spring/Summer theme

- May 2027 (TBA): Celebrate America

Local Veterans Holiday Packages

- November 14 (10 AM–12 PM): Cards & gifts for local vets (VFW, American Legion, assisted living). The Rec committee thought that we could start small with one soldier family and go from there. We will revisit.

4. Discuss and possibly take action on Recommendation to Reduce Pavilion Deposit for Non-Profit Organizations: This was approved by the committee at a previous meeting, Amy Jo wanted to confirm the numbers and will move forward to the May 5 meeting for council approval.

5. Discuss and possibly take action on Scholarship Fund draft Policy as presented: Committee made some recommendations to include Fall River esp. since we will seek out the CAE for seed funding and they the Columbus / Fall River endowment. Suggested to at this time remove any CAAC item requests until the CAAC board is under the Recreation Committee. Then, some items may be considered to be added.

6. Discussion on Summer Camp Programming and Seasonal Staff: Amy Jo will call for interviews after the April 26 deadline for camp and tennis.

7. Goat naming contest: The committee decided to have a sport bracket of sorts to include the community in the naming of the goats. Fun way to get them involved in their new home.

Director Report: Amy Jo shared that Kane has accepted another position in Cross Plains. Will work through things at the pool and the position We'll be up in the air for now until we could get a job description and find the best fit need for this department. Strong enrollment for spring soccer, tennis enrollment is up and running summer camp is up and running Saturday the 25th is the citywide Arbor Day event and Sunday April 26 is the plant bingo event we're currently we have a large number of enrollment lost acres is giving us a 10% discount on any plans that we purchase.

Adjourn: Motion by Ellen, seconded by Michelle to Adjourn at 7:36pm.

7. Next meeting date May 11, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.

Minutes typed by Amy Jo Meyers / Written by Lisa Lawson