



Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Paul Fushille, Chair
Kristy Caldwell, Vice Chair
Hope Boatright
Olivia Barnard
Tyson Joe
Larry Lane
Jared Barker
Ryan Strittmatter
Taylor Houston

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson
Deputy City Secretary Maverick Coleman
City Attorney Aniz Alani
Recreation Program Manager Alisha Osborne
Aquatics Manager Drew Hughes

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MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the August 19, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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- 2. Presentation and discussion regarding Summer 2026 Founders Memorial Pool swim season and off-season projects.** *Drew Hughes, Aquatics Manager*
- 3. Presentation and discussion regarding Summer 2026 recreation programs and upcoming Fall and Winter 2026 programming.** *Alisha Osborne, Recreation Program Manager*
- 4. Parks & Community Services Director's Report.** *Andy Binz, PCS Director*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Commission may provide staff direction; however no action may be taken.

- 5. Arrowhead Park**
Commissioners: Houston, Barker, and Boatright
- 6. Charro Ranch Park**
Commissioners: Fushille and Barker
- 7. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners: Boatright and Barker
- 8. Founders Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners: Houston and Joe
- 9. Rathgeber Natural Resource Park**
Commissioners: Strittmatter, Caldwell, Fushille and Barnard
- 10. Sports & Recreation Park Committee**
Commissioners: Strittmatter and Joe
- 11. Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners: Caldwell and Fushille

CLOSED SESSION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

October 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
November 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
November 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
November 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
December 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Maverick D. Coleman, Deputy City Secretary

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MINUTES **DRAFT**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Fushille called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Paul Fushille, Chair
 Kristy Caldwell, Vice Chair *arrived at 6:13*
 Hope Boatright
 Olivia Barnard
 Jared Barker
 Ryan Strittmatter
 Taylor Houston *arrived at 6:13*

Commission Members absent were:

Tyson Joe
 Larry Lane

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No one spoke during presentation of citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the May 20, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the May 20, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. **Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council to approve the proposed updates to the fees listed in Section 9: Parks & Community Services in the Master Fee Schedule, and to adopt fees for The Stephenson.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Caldwell and seconded by Chair Fushille to approve the proposed updates to the fees listed in Section 9: Parks & Community Services in the Master Fee Schedule, and to adopt fees for The Stephenson. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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3. **Parks & Community Services Director's Report.** *Andy Binz, PCS Director*

No action was taken.

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Commissioners: Fushille
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Commissioners: Strittmatter, Caldwell, Fushille and Barnard
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Commissioners: Strittmatter and Joe
10. **Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners: Caldwell and Fushille

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The commission did not meet in closed session.

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ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Strittmatter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
PO Box 384
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Submitted By: Drew Hughes, Aquatics Manager

**Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Date:** September 16, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Presentation and discussion regarding Summer 2026 Founders Memorial Pool swim season and off-season projects.

Agenda Item Requestor: Drew Hughes, Aquatics Manager

Summary/Background: Drew Hughes, Aquatics Manager, will provide an overview of the Summer 2026 Founders Memorial Pool swim season and off-season projects that are planned. The presentation will highlight the memberships, rentals, major purchases, lifeguard training and preparation and events held at the pool. The presentation will also provide an overview of the improvement projects planned for the off-season.

Staff None

Recommendations:

Attachments: None

Next Steps/Schedule: None



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
PO Box 384
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Dripping Springs, TX 78602

Submitted By: Alisha Osborne, Recreation Program Manager

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Presentation and discussion regarding Summer 2026 recreation programs and upcoming Fall and Winter 2026 programming.

Agenda Item Requestor: Alisha Osborne, Recreation Program Manager

Summary/Background: Alisha Osborne, Recreation Program Manager, will provide an overview of Summer 2026 recreation programming, including Coyote Kids Nature Camp, Tween Scene, and Nerf Night. The presentation will highlight participation, camper activities and field trips, counselor training and preparation, and other summer program highlights. The presentation will also provide an overview of upcoming Fall and Winter 2026 programs, events, and activities.

Staff Recommendation: None

Attachments: None

Next Steps/Schedule: None



Staff Monthly Reports

August 2026

Director:

- PCS Staff Report, Performance Measures Report and Survey Results were provided in the packet.
- Ranch Park
 - DSRP Improvements Project started on Monday, August 3rd.
- Sports & Recreation Park
 - Gathering quotes on making trail improvements along the south side of the park where we have erosion issues.
- Stephenson Building
 - Working on the staffing and budgeting for FY2027 opening.
- Rathgeber
 - Working on an Easement Agreement for the road going through the ISD property.
- Performance Measures
 - Staff is working on updating the Performance Measures Report. Changes will be in effect October 1, 2026, with the start of FY2027.

Park Maintenance:

- Replaced broken push bar for vendor hall doorway.
- Replaced swing and slide at Founder's park.
- Installed cement step pad at Ranch House.
- Made handrail repairs at Ranch House.
- Filled gaps at Ranch House exterior walls to prevent insects from entering.

Aquatics:

- Pool Season completed
- Pool hosted 6 rentals (4 after hours and 2-day time cabana rentals)
- Hosted Float and Flick on August 7th with the movie Princess and the Frog.
- Puppy Plunge was held on the final day of operation – August 23rd.
- Aquatic Facility Operator team met at Founders Pool on August 25th to discuss off season procedures and improvements.

Community Events:

- **August Park Rentals:**
 - 3 pavilion rentals
 - 4 pool rentals + 3 pool cabana rentals
 - *Last Adult Softball league night 8/13*
- **No Special Event Permits in August**
- **Community Events:**

- **Movie in the Pool: *Princess and the Frog*:** Friday, August 7th
 - FMP Pool – approx. 45 attendees
 - with Princess Tiana & Bees Knees Lemonade
- **Puppy Plunge Aug 23**
 - with bandana tie dye activity, Bees Knees Lemonade, and Whole Pet Market giveaways
 - ticketed entry: 50 dogs. Approximately 100 humans (free)
 - tie-dye outreach: ~20 residents

DSRP:

August Highlights:

- Our first weekend in August held a Family Nerf Night and the Luchador Dwarf fanators in the Main Event Room.
- Hays County hosted a Public meeting on Thursday, August 6th in the Main Event Room.
- August 15th had a baby shower in Small Event Room and the Hays County 4H Awards Banquet Main Event Room.
- The final weekend of August hosted the Dripping Springs Pig Skins Gala on Saturday August 29th and then on August 30th the Hays County Democrats hosted their LBJ Birthday Bash.
- DSRP Programs were busy in August and hosted a skateboarding camp August 3rd – 6th, Coyote Kids Nature Camp Drop In Days, Tween Scene at Founder's Pool on August 6th, AstroEncounter, Archery Club, and started Nature Rangers back up on August 12th.

DSRP Events in September:

Friends of the Pound House Benefit Fundraiser, DSRP Riding Series Dressage Show, Fences over Bee Cave

DSRP September Programs:

Family Nerf Night, Archery Arrow Wranglers, Nature Rangers After School Care, Homeschool Discovery Days

Farmers Market:

August FMC Meeting:

- 6 of 6 vendor applications approved (1 provisional upon receipt of updated documents).
- Drew Hughes proposed a trail of lights display for FM, which was accepted.
- Potential sponsor attended and was approved.

August Market recap:

- With the summer split, market continues to remain above historical averages for vendor sales.
- Celebrated 100,000th customer (since Johnna and Charlie started counting in 2021).

August 2026

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		Aug-25	Total/Actual	Aug-26	Fiscal YTD
PCS Aquatics					
Programs Offered					
	Swim Lesson Classes	0	0	0	0
	ARC Certification	0	1	0	0
Number of Registrations					
	Swim Lesson Registrations	0	1	0	0
	ARC Certification	0	6	0	0
Admission Totals:					
	Membership Check-ins	238	1,692	223	1,753
	Day Passes Sold	575	3,426	574	3,270
	Season Passes Sold	0	130	0	151
PCS Athletics					
Leagues Offered					
	Adult Softball	0	4	0	4
	Youth Sport Camps	0	4	0	0
Number of Teams/Participants					
	Adult Softball	0	25	0	24
	Youth Sport Camps	0	26	0	0
PCS Special Events					
Events Offered		0	7	2	11
Number of Participants		0	310	0	595
PCS Rentals					
Pool		6	17	7	25
Pavilion		5	33	3	37
Athletic Fields		2	17	0	12
Veterans Memorial Park		0	1	0	2
PCS Permits					
Itinerant Vendor		0	15	0	29
Commercial Trainers/Activity		0	2	0	3
Special Event Permit		0	6	0	10
Filming Permits		0	1	0	1
DSRP					
Programs Offered		1	259	27	312
	Number of Participants	55	1,130	94	1,244
Camp Days Offered		6	105	11	86
	Number of Participants	110	993	80	683
DSRP Events		0	96	0	69
	Number of Participants	0	14,325	0	15,496
Arena Memberships Sold		0	69	0	62
Room Rentals		3	178	7	207
Arena Rentals		0	63	0	53
Other Rentals (Ranch House, Field, Etc..)		0	45	0	74
Free Use Agreements/Co-Sponsorships		21	379	23	305
Farmers Market					
Number of Markets Offered		4	50	4	46
Number of Vendors Registered		173	2,051	156	1,854
Number of Visitors		1,475	21,190	1,435	14,920