



**PARKS & RECREATION
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**

May 18, 2026

6:00 PM #1 Ballwin Commons Circle., BALLWIN, MO 63021

THE MINUTES ARE PREPARED IN SUMMARY TO REFLECT THE OVERALL DISCUSSIONS, NOT VERBATIM QUOTES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pyles at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Alderman Jim Lehmkuhl

Elizabeth Davis

Sandy Grassi

Sam Biver

Sue Pyles

Susan Harris

Pat McDermott

Steven Wheeler

Absent

Jimmy Terbrock

Lori Kelling

City Administrator Eric Sterman

Parks Director Chris Conway

MINUTES

The Minutes from the January 22 2026 Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Committee meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Committee Member Davis and seconded by Committee Member McDermott. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident David Rifkin of 933 Shandra Drive in Ballwin Requests Historical Review and Preservation consideration of 511 Ries Road. Believes this home is significant to the history of Ballwin specifically in its agricultural era. Requests help to obtain the deed as proof that it is a historical home. A letter from Mr. Rifkin is attached.

Resident Michael Scott of 643 Kehrs Mill Road in Ballwin expressed concern with big slides at Vlasik Park. States that kids have become trapped in the netting and thinks a safer way to the top slides can be



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created. Additionally Mr. Scott expressed concern over the use of electric bikes and scooters used within the park. Asks if the committee can consider making a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to consider a policy/ordinance limiting the use of these vehicles within the park.

Committee Member Harris made a motion recommending the board of aldermen look into addressing the electric bike and scooter situation within the parks. Chairwoman Pyles seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

Ballwin Historical Commission Chairwoman Marie Clark presented on the History of Ballwin including the role and responsibilities of the Ballwin Historical Commission. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held May 25, 11:15 am at The Peace Memorial in Vlasia Park.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Director Conway introduced Erica Lindsay the new Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. Director Conway provided a report on the parks and recreation department.
- C. Director Conway shared the results of The Pointe Playground survey.
- D. Director Conway presented seven playground proposals and discussion ensued. Committee Davis would like to see shade over the benches. Committee member Wheeler would like to reconsider engineered wood fiber (EWF) under the swings and turf surfacing rather than poured in place surfacing. States it is maintenance intensive. Director Conway said the department regularly maintains EWF within Ferris, New Ballwin, Holloway and Pointe playgrounds. Committee member Wheeler also requested staff check into the warranties of each of the playground proposals.
- E. Discussion regarding crosswalks ensued. Director Conway shared the MUTCD standards that Director of Public Works Jim Link shared with him. Chairwoman Pyles would like to see crosswalk treatments that would make them safer, specifically at Holloway Rd and Foxglen neighborhood.

Committee Member COMMENTS

- A. Alderman Lehmkuhl provided the committee with his contact information with the other committee members. Mentioned the City is accepting nominations for citizen of the year. The mayor will present the award at Ballwin Days this year.



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- B. Committee Member Davis requested the chicanes on Andrews Parkway be trimmed back.
- C. Committee Member Grassi requested staff investigate the wet area around the pavilion and basketball court at New Ballwin Park. Additionally she added the a branch is blocking access to the accessible parking space in Ferris Park. Lastly she stated that mud flowing down the hill past the playground pavilion in Ferris is creating a slip hazard and asked that staff address the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairwoman Pyles and seconded by Committee Member McDermott to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM