



PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Palmer Lake Town Hall – 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake, Colorado

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order at 5:34pm

Present: Mike Pietsch, Reid Wiecks, Jennifer Nilson, Kevin Noleen

Absent: Lauren Penner, Carolyn Kincade, Denaje Ferguson

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes for March 7th, 2026

Motion to Approve minutes for the April 7th meeting as written. (Nilson, Pietsch) “Aye” Vote.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

Petty Cash Report

Report provided by Mike Pietsch

Past Meeting: \$142

Donations: \$5

New Total: \$147

Public Works Supervisor Report

2. Public Works Supervisor Report April 2026

Town Administrator Report

Business Items

3. Report of Volunteer Hours
4. Kiosk Revenue
5. Discussion/Update on Mile High Youth Core and Volunteers of Colorado Training Dates
Commissioner Wiecks gave an update on Mile High Youth Corps and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado work on the Kent Prairie Trail and the Elephant Rock trail, including rock work and retaining wall construction. The volunteers made significant progress, including moving large boulders and completing the revision of the Kent Prairie Trail, which has improved the trail's

condition. There is still some work to be done on the trail, including removing an old fence and a railroad rail that was found in the area, with the rail being approximately 20 feet long.

6. Discussion/Action on Voting for Parks Chair and Vice-Chair

This agenda item was tabled such time when all commissioners are present.

7. Discussion/Update on Kent-Prairie Trail

The Commission provided an update on work done to the Kent-Prairie Trail. Crews completed a reroute on the upper Kent Prairie Trail to eliminate steep descents, and placed approximately a dozen large boulders for the upper retaining wall at Elephant Rock. Remaining work includes clearing an overgrown fence line and a railroad tie from the trail area.

8. Discussion/Update on LPSD 38 Innovations Center and Art in the Park possibilities

The Commission expressed interest in exploring a partnership with the D38 Innovation Center for student-built projects, including public art installations and a mountain-bike-friendly bridge over a reservoir trailhead culvert using surplus town scrap metal.

Trails and Bridges

Discussion/Update on Elephant Rock Trail and Ramp Connection

The Commission discussed the work for the upper wall section as well as future work that will be needed.

Centennial Park

9. Discussion/Update on Pickle Ball Windscreen

The pickleball windscreens have been installed by the Pickleball Club, saving approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 in labor costs. Additionally, the Board approved a motion to find an alternate location for two unsecured benches originally planned for the bridge ramp, as sightlines to the courts are obstructed. Parks Supervisor DeLozier will review the projects list for alternative placement, keeping in mind upcoming special event site maps and liquor licensing boundaries.

Motion to look for an alternate locations for two benches at the Pickleball Court. (Wiecks, Noleen) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.

10. Discussion/Update on Baseball Field Fencing and Lewis Palmer High School Service Day

A contractor completed the expanded fence line following volunteer cleanup by the high school baseball team. To prevent field damage, No Dog signs and a vehicle gate lock have been installed while final post removal wraps up.

11. Discussion/Update on Fitness Court Location and Next Steps

The Commission reviewed the fitness court project planned for Centennial Park, noting that additional funding is required beyond the initial approved grant. Following a denial from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), alternative grants and corporate sponsorships are being pursued to meet upcoming project milestones.

Motion to set aside \$30,000 to put towards the purchase and construction of a fitness in line with the National Fitness Court Campaign grant and other grants we will be applying for. (Nilson, Pietsch) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed unanimously.

12. Discussion/Update on Gaga Pit
No update provided on this agenda item.

Glen Park

13. Discussion/Update on Pickle Ball/Tennis Court by Renner Sports Court
The Commission reviewed long-term rehabilitation options for the Glenn Park courts, tabling the item for a future budget cycle. To address recurring cracking, members discussed solutions ranging from a full resurface or a post-tensioned system to stripping the existing coating to patch and line raw concrete.
14. Discussion/Update on No Feeding Wildlife Signs
No update was provided.
15. Discussion/Update on Rebound Wall Upgrade for Pickle Ball and Tennis Courts
Discussion on this item was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment - *This time is reserved for the public to speak to items not on the agenda.*

Todi McCalister – Expressed concerns about the litter she has found around the lake.

Report of Other Meetings**Next Meeting and Future Items**

Workshop with Board of Trustees on May 26th, 2026.

Service Day in the Park May 30th, 2026 9:00AM-12:00PM

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn. (Wiecks Nilson) “Aye” Vote. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.