



## PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 07, 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 5:31PM

**Present:** Carolyn Kincade, Mike Pietsch, Denaje Ferguson, Reid Wiecks, Lauren Penner

**Absent:** Kevin Noleen, Jennifer Nilson

#### Pledge

#### Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of March 10th, 2026

**Motion to approve the minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** (Ferguson, Pietsch) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.

#### Petty Cash Report

**Past:** \$100

**Donations:** \$42

**Current:** \$142

#### Public Works Supervisor Report

2. Public Works Supervisor Report April 2026

#### Town Administrator Report

Interim Town Administrator Smith reported on coordinating baseball field upgrades, including infield resurfacing and fence improvements, with help from the Lewis-Palmer high school team. To protect the field and accommodate older youth leagues, officials are considering a new locking fence and weighing whether to extend the foul lines or increase the fence height. Additionally, a new attorney is reviewing the Eco Spa Elephant Rock property to advance the lease and easement process.

#### Business Items

3. Report of Volunteer Hours

## 4. Kiosk Revenue

## 5. Report/Consider Items for Project List

Commissioner Kincade volunteered to coordinate watering of flowers in Columbine Park.

Commissioner Kincade will coordinate with Town Office on Mailers for noxious weeds.

**Motion to add items 31, 34, 92-96 and then remove the ones that should be removed because they've already been completed.** (Wiecks, Ferguson) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.

## 6. Discussion/Update on Adding Signs to Parks

Commissioner Ferguson volunteered to research sign options and vendors and will communicate his findings with the Commission.

## 7. Discussion/Update on Mile High Youth Corp and VOC training site visit

Commissioner Wiecks reported that the project with Mile High Youth Corps will take place over two days, April 20-21, and again in June for three days, with potential tasks including creating a diversion to address runoff issues along the Creekside Trail and re-routing the Kent Prairie Trail to reduce water flow.

## 9. Discussion/Update on Elephant Rock Perimeter Trail and Pavilion Improvements

Commissioner Wiecks proposed that the Parks Commission do work on the Pavilion and the Cabin sites, but during discussion it was stated that the easement would need to be concluded before work commences.

## 10. Discussion/Update on Spring Service in the Parks Day

Commissioner Wiecks spoke on the coordination of service days for the parks. Consensus among the commission is to schedule this for May 30<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm. Commissioner Kincade volunteered to be the coordinator for this item.

## 11. Discussion/Update on Pending Matters Needing Attorney Review

Commissioner Wiecks updated the Commission on the hiring of an attorney and the Commissioners present filled out a stack rank form for legal issues previously identified.

**Trails and Bridges****Centennial Park**

## 12. Discussion/Update on South End of Lake Soil Sample Testing by GMS

Commissioner Wiecks led a discussion revolving around the need for soil samples for a potential artificial turf field, despite the area being a former marsh, to determine if it can support the weight of the field, and this is a concern due to the area's history of puddles and poor drainage.

## 13. Discussion/Update on Recommendation of Outfield Fence Relocation To Accommodate Youth Soccer Field

The Commission discussed relocating the outfield fence to accommodate a youth soccer field and increase fall season activity, with further details to be reviewed at a follow-up meeting.

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14. Discussion/Update on National Fitness Campaign & Fitness Court Grant

The Commission discussed the National Fitness Campaign and Fitness Court Grant, specifically reviewing a proposal for a standalone outdoor exercise facility. While Commissioners expressed general support for the project, they noted that the currently proposed site conflicts with a disc golf hole and suggested slightly altering the map.

**Motion to recommend to move forward with the grant process for the national fitness campaign & Fitness Court Proposal.** (Ferguson, Penner) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Motion to only proceed with the fitness court and that the next workshop be at the Lake.** (Wiecks, Ferguson) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.

15. Discussion/Update on Gaga Pit Project

Commissioner Ferguson indicated that there are no updates on the Gaga Pit project, with the last correspondence being an email on March 12th, and it has been suggested that the location for the Gaga Pit be discussed at the upcoming workshop, with a possible location being between the pavilion and the playground.

16. Discussion/Update on Centennial Park Signs

Commissioner Wiecks updated the Commission on locations for the Centennial Park signs that have been marked, including the baseball field entrance, the depot entrance, and the old art center entrance, with the signs being at least eight feet tall and having long legs to make them visible.

17. Discussion/Update on Community Service Event Scheduled with LPHS Baseball Team on April 10<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Wiecks updated the board on the primary objectives of the volunteers to be completed including removing the outfield fence and the bullpen fence, as well as weeding the infield.

**Glen Park**

18. Discussion/Update on Renner Sports Court Assessment and Recommendations for Resurfacing Timeline

Commissioner Wiecks updated the board on the current status for receiving the estimates.

19. Discussion/Update on Glen Park Tennis Court Rebound Wall Repair and Expansion Proposal

Commissioner Wiecks updated the board on the poor repair of the wall. Stated that the rebound wall would need new plywood and that the cost of the exterior plywood is \$55 per sheet. Making the total cost for the repair, including paint and hardware, is estimated to be around \$500

**Motion to proceed with repairing and expanding the pickleball tennis court rebound wall in Glen Park.** (Wiecks, Pietsch) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

No public comment received.

**Report of Other Meetings**

Commissioner Penner Reported about Fountain Creek Watershed District new program. An in-lieu fee program that allows developers to mitigate wetland destruction through a one-time payment. This fee transfers the responsibility for future maintenance to a district-managed account used for regional wetland rehabilitation or creation, with potential projects including a site near Elephant Rock.

Commissioner Wiecks reported on a meeting with Amy Sienkowsky, director of the LP District 38 innovation program, about a possible opportunity to create art in the parks sculptures

**Next Meeting and Future Items**

Next Parks workshop will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at the pavilion in Centennial Park.

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34PM (Wiecks Penner) "Aye" Vote. Motion Passed Unanimously.