



TOWN OF ROBBINS
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Robbins Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Cameron Dockery
Mayor Pro Tem Nikki Bradshaw
Commissioner Brandon Phillips
Commissioner Kevin Stewart
Commissioner Jody Britt
Commissioner Mark Gilbert

II. INVOCATION

By Lance Mauldin

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST *Does any Commissioner have a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address in this meeting?*

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NC G.S. 160A-81, 160A-81.1

At the beginning of the meeting, the public was invited to share their comments. The following citizens addressed the Board:

Lance Mauldin, Mickey Brown, Anna Gibbons, Summer Mack, Brandon Clothier, Leslie Clothier and Son, Blake McGraw, Jenna Hussey

- Several citizens spoke in support of the accessibility park project, sharing personal stories and emphasizing the importance of inclusivity for all children, families, and community members. Comments highlighted how the park would benefit children with disabilities, grandparents, veterans, and anyone facing mobility challenges, reinforcing Robbins' tradition of helping one another and striving for kindness, inclusion, and respect.

- Lance Mauldin, Mickey Brown, Blake McGraw, Anna Gibbons, Summer Mack, and Brandon and Leslie Clothier each spoke, emphasizing the need for an accessible park and the community's willingness to support the project financially and through volunteerism. Summer Mack shared a story of a local child in a wheelchair and the need for local access to inclusive play spaces. Brandon Clothier described the longstanding efforts of the Ellie Jean Project and the community's hopes for a park in Robbins.

- The founders of the Ellie Jean Project, shared their perspectives, underscoring the urgency of moving forward for the sake of children who cannot wait for long decision-making processes.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Ellie Jean Project

Board members and staff responded to comments and thanked the public for their engagement and advocacy.

The Board discussed a motion from the previous week regarding the accessibility park project. The Town Attorney clarified that the previous motion was not acted upon and, as such, expired at the close of that meeting. The Mayor confirmed that a new motion would be required.

Commissioners commented on recent reporting and public sentiment, noting that all Board members support building or improving a park that is inclusive for all children. However, they emphasized their duty to act as responsible stewards of town resources. Some commissioners indicated that, having only recently joined the Board, they had not had adequate time or information to vote on the project at the last meeting.

The Board reviewed the available documentation, noting the absence of comprehensive information about the Ellie Jean Project in the previous meeting's packet. The Town Manager clarified that Board and staff were made aware of the grant opportunity the previous Wednesday evening, and that updated agendas and supporting materials were not distributed ahead of time but made available at the meeting.

Questions were raised about funding: specifically, the amount needed from the general fund to support the project. The Town Manager stated that the proposed budget amendment was \$168,299.37, which included the matching portion required for the grant. Of this amount, \$93,299.37 would come directly from the general fund, with the remaining \$75,000 to be provided by the county once the town demonstrated it had secured the required funds.

The Board discussed the need to amend the balance transfer to \$93,299.37, as the additional \$75,000 would be reimbursed by the county when documentation was provided. The Board agreed that necessary guardrails and safeguards were in place to ensure taxpayer dollars were protected.

Other topics discussed included site selection, park design best practices, and committee formation for oversight. The Town Manager explained his role in executing Board policy and clarified that committee formation was a decision for the Board. He recounted efforts to secure grants and manage project costs, emphasizing transparency and responsiveness.

Following further discussion, including the benefits of the proposed site and the experiences of other towns with inclusive parks, a motion was made by Commissioner Britt to move forward with the project, allocating the minimum necessary funds as outlined. The Board voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Britt.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw, Commissioner Gilbert

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Additional comments were made regarding the importance of communication, the need for ongoing maintenance at all parks, and the desire to ensure all children in the community can play together. Questions were addressed regarding project timelines and equipment delivery (estimated at a three-month lead time), as well as plans for future park improvements

The Mayor and Board expressed gratitude to the community for their engagement and reaffirmed their commitment to inclusivity and transparency.

The meeting concluded motion to adjourn, which was approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Gilbert

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw

VIII. COMMISSIONER'S UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS

Town Hall will observe the Christmas holiday December 24-28

Town Hall will observe News Years holiday January 1st

January Board Meeting January 8th 2026

This the _____ day of January 2026.

Cameron Dockery, Mayor

Jessica Coltrane, Town Clerk, CMC