

CITY OF WILLARD, MO PARK BOARD MEETING APRIL 30, 2026

The Willard Park Board met on Thursday April 30, 2026 at Willard, Mo City Hall.

Board Members Present: Rachel Mathison, Valorie Simpson, Ian Powers, Fred Burk

Board Members Absent: Vanessa Keene, Brooke Jarvis, Eric Wilkins

Staff Present: City Administrator Wes Young, Brenda Pearson, Emily Mills, Mallory Cramer

President Valorie Simpson called the meeting to order a 6:06

1. Roll call:

Valorie Simpson - present, Fred Burk- present, Ian Powers-present, Rachel Mathieson-present. A quorum was established.

2. Agenda amendments/Approval: Fred Burk made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Rachel Mathison. Voting aye: Fred Burk, Rachel Mathison, Valorie Simpson, Ian Powers. Motion passed 4-0

Eric Wilkins arrived at 6:08

3. Approval of minutes of March 24, 2026

Rachel Mathison made the motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026 seconded by Fred Burk. Voting aye: Fred Burk, Rachel Mathison, Valorie Simpson, Ian Powers, Eric Wilkins. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Citizen Input:

None

5. Financial Statements

The board reviewed the financial statements. It was mentioned that the budget line for utilities others is \$ 0, and vehicle repairs & maintenance is also \$ 0. Both over budget. Fred Burk made the motion to approve financials, seconded by Ian Powers. Voting aye: Fred Burk, Rachel Mathison, Valorie Simpson, Ian Powers, Eric Wilkins. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Directors Report

- A.** Park update. Brenda Pearson spoke about being over budget on seasonal staff. City Administrator Wes Young thinks, since we haven't had a park director for a while, that salary will make up the difference. Mallory Cramer has gone from part-time to full time and is doing a great job as sports coordinator. She reported all programs are running smoothly. City wide clean up went well with approximately 10 dumpsters used.

Rachel Mathison left the meeting at 6:25

- B.** Freedom Fest update: Emily Mills spoke about Father/daughter dance was well attended. It had 500 likes on Facebook. Freedom fest has 37 vendors signed up: 19 crafts and 18 food vendors. The elementary choir will be singing the national anthem.
- C.** Sports update: Mallory Cramer spoke about going to one style tee shirts to cut down the waste on left over shirts. She is going back to individual sport sign up, no group sign ups. Brenda Pearson spoke, that for the 1st time we had no complaints.

7. Discussion

- A.** Active transportation plan. Ian Powers spoke about the plan and City Administrator Wes Young explained how it will work as the city grows.
- B.** Resolution to clarify and confirm membership and terms of the park board advisory board. All members that need their membership updated will be in April. Valorie Simpson-April 2028, Fred Burk-April 2027, Ian Powers- April 2028, Vanessa Keene-April 2027, Rachel Mathison-April 2029, Eric Wilkins-April 2029, Brooke Jarvis- April 2029

8. New Business

None

9. Unfinished Business

Our new park director Edward Sands will start May 25th, 2026. He has been in contact with Brenda Pearson getting updates.

10. Adjourn meeting

Eric Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18, seconded by Fred Burk. Voting aye: Fred Burk, Valorie Simpson, Ian Powers, Eric Wilkins. Motion passed 4-0.

Submitted by Valorie Simpson

President Valorie Simpson

Acting secretary, Vanessa Keene

City Clerk, Courtney Myers