

MINUTES
PARKS & TREE COMMISSION
July 08, 2025

1. Chairperson Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Chairperson Bradley, Commissioners Keeler and Redder, Superintendent Nieuwenhuis, City Manager Lakamper and Councilmember Steele. Excused: Commissioners DeYoung and LaDuke
3. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Nieuwenhuis, seconded by Steele, to accept and place on file the Parks & Trees Meeting Minutes of the 06/12/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Chairman's Report: None.
6. Park Reports:
Bob reported that the flowers look good this year. Parks are all good, and weed spraying happens next week.
Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung
Marsha stated it looks good, though there are some weeds around the veteran's memorial.
Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler
Marsha reported that the parks looks great. The flowers are doing well.
Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley
Matthew reported the ferns and mulch look great.
Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder
Cory reported that the park looks good, though there are several damaged trees. Justin stated an arborist had provided a replacement cost estimate. He hopes to work with the contractor to resolve the issue, either with replacement trees or preferably park equipment.
Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis and Lori Steele
Lori stated that the large stone could use some weed killer around the base, otherwise the park looks good.
Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke
Lori reported that the park looks great. Bob stated the kayak launch is being used, and working out well.
Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder
Cory reported that the bandshell looks good.
7. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Commissioner LaDuke was excused from the meeting. The pollinator garden grant funding will be revisited next month.
 - B. The Commission discussed the addition of a walking trail in Kenyon Park. Redder believes that a one mile walking trail could be cleared for use by volunteers on the ~10 acre property, with little to no reliance on the City for maintenance.
A motion by Redder, seconded by Bradley, recommending the installation of a walking trail at Kenyon Park to Council for consideration. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Clerk Leonard shared Ordinance 401 with the Commission, stating that it would go to Council for adoption at the July 14th meeting. Following adoption and publication, the ordinance will change the month of the required annual meeting from January to March.
8. Staff Comments: None.
9. Commissioners' Comments: None.
10. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to adjourn the meeting at 4:42pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn Leonard