

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Lower-Level Conference Center

Thursday, May 14, 2026 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jessica Boren	Katie Graf	Tut Kailech	Misty Muff
Tammy Poe	Matt Schulte (arrived 4:06 pm)	Jennifer Seacrest (arrived 4:23 pm)	
Jihye Seo	JJ Toczek	Sandra Washington	

Members Absent:

Bradley Brandt	Maddie Gates	Carter Grier	Ameil Kieu
Sherrie Nelson	Jonathan Petersen		

CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF ‘OPEN MEETINGS ACT’:

As per law, Vice-Chairperson Katie Graf announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, as posted in the meeting room, and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Quinn, who declared a quorum of Board members present.

Matt Schulte arrived at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Tammy Poe and seconded by Jessica Boren to approve the minutes from March 12, 2026, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote, members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** Jessica Boren, Katie Graf, Tut Kailech, Misty Muff, Tammy Poe, Jihye Seo, Sandra Washington. **“ABSTAIN”:** Matt Schulte, JJ Toczek. **“No”:** None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Policies Committee** – Tut Kailech (Committee Head)
No report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, June 16th at 4 p.m.

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee** – Bradley Brandt (Committee Head)
As a staff report, JJ Yost provided a visual description (copies attached to official minutes on record) of a “clean up” of property lines in the area along Capital Parkway just north of Randolph Street owned by the City (.35 acres) that would be transferred to Lincoln Public Schools, and another parcel (665 sq. ft.) near the Billy Wolf Trail owned by LPS that would be transferred to the City. A fair market value will be determined for transfers which will be shown in the asset bank ledger system rather than a monetary exchange.

Next Facilities/Infrastructure Committee meeting – Wednesday, June 17th at 4 p.m.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Committee Head)**

Wade Foreman provided updates beginning with the recently completed Holmes Irrigation Replacement Project, an over \$2 million CIP investment. Aerification was completed at all courses this spring; 30 new trees were delivered for spring planting at Mahoney and Holmes courses; with limited winter and early spring moisture, courses are showing some stress in areas without irrigation. Cart path replacement was completed this spring at Pioneers Golf Course, another CIP project of approximately \$400,000.

Rules of the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee (copy attached to official minutes on record) updates were reviewed and a synopsis of changes provided by Wade Foreman. These Rules were approved by the LMGAC at the April meeting and now require PRAB approval for official adoption. Following Board member discussion, a motion was made by Matt Schulte and seconded by Misty Muff to approve the updated Rules of the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee as presented in substantially similar form. **Upon roll call vote, members voted as follows: “Yes”: Jessica Boren, Katie Graf, Tut Kailech, Misty Muff, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jihye Seo, JJ Toczek, Sändra Washington. “No”: None. Motion carried.**

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, May 28th at 12 noon

- **Executive Committee – Jennifer Seacrest (Committee Head)**

Vice-Chair Katie Graf provided updates provided by Lincoln Parks Foundation Director, Randy Gordon, in his absence:

LPF Office – space will be renovated this summer with impacted expected for about a week; staff will operate elsewhere in the building during that timeframe.

Give to Lincoln Campaign – LPF supporting “Play for All” and the department’s commitment to improving accessibility and enhancing play features.

Bricks of Honor Dedication Ceremony – 55 new bricks will be dedicated at the ceremony on Saturday, June 13th, at 10:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting – Thursday, June 25th at 4 p.m.

Jennifer Seacrest arrived at 4:23 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN ENDORSEMENT

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, along with Micah Intermill, GovStrategist Consultant, presented the request for endorsement of the Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan which was shared in detail at the March meeting. Brief discussion was held between Board members and staff, after which a motion was made by Sändra Washington and seconded by Tut Kailech to endorse the 2026-2031 Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan. **Upon roll call vote, members voted as follows: “Yes”: Jessica Boren, Katie Graf, Tut Kailech, Misty Muff, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jihye Seo, JJ Toczek, Sändra Washington. “No”: None. Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORTS:

“Meet the Team: Pioneers Park Nature Center” – Nature Center Coordinator, Jamie Kelley, introduced herself and shared her responsibilities at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, and introduced staff that were also present. Ms. Kelley provided an overview of the many activities and amenities found at the Nature Center and its surrounds.

Presentations were made by staff Neal Bryan – Naturalist, introducing Stumpy, a 66-year old box turtle; Candace Kastrup – Preschool Director supporting programs at the Nature Center and Little Sprouts at Calvert Recreation Center; Alena Kleespies – Visitor Services Coordinator (who has been with the Nature Center for less than two weeks), coordinates building rentals for the public, field trips, overseeing part-time staff, and caring for the animals; Jeff Grasmick and Nate Judds – Facilities & Grounds Team who maintain Nature Center grounds, buildings, habitats, and essential infrastructure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Liz Arnold, 3440 N. 9th Street – early childhood educator, Just Like Mine Daycare; visits numerous Lincoln playgrounds and advocating for change in black rubber surfacing which is too hot for children to play on.

Shannon Hampson, 5040 Normal Blvd. – family home childcare provider; concern for hot black tiles at playgrounds, no sand to play in, minimal shaded areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wake up the Beds – Saturday, May 9th, Sunken Gardens, 8:30 a.m.
- LPR Regional Youth Track Meet – Saturday, May 16th, 9:00 a.m., Northwest High School
- Pools Open – Monday, May 25th at 1:00 p.m.
- Memorial Day Event, Veterans Memorial Gardens – Monday, May 25th, 8:00 p.m.
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 25th – Offices/Centers Closed
- Prairie Corridor LINK Press Conference – Thursday, June 11th at 10 a.m.
- Bricks of Honor Dedication – Saturday, June 13th, 10:30 a.m.
- Juneteenth – Friday, June 19th – Offices/Centers Closed
- Juneteenth Celebration – June 27th, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., F Street Community Center

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairperson Graf declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting – Thursday, July 9, 2026