

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY October 8, 2025 @ 7:00PM
Clover Room
James J Eagan Center**

Board Members Present: Tom Friedhoff, Mike O’Connell, Pauline Schwartz, Stacie Rupp, Kristina Curnutt, Kim Burns, Joy Jablonski and Danielle Berliner

Not in attendance: Jennifer Osbourne-Fite

City Staff Attendance: Jimmy Kirincich and Beth Goldstein

Meeting was called to order at: 7:00 PM

Approve of Minutes: September 10, 2025

Citizens Participation: None

Report from the Director

Concrete work on the St. Ferdinand amphitheater dance floor and ADA seating area will be completed by Friday

The new maintenance shed is passing final inspections and will be ready for occupancy by Friday or early next week.

Park maintenance crews will begin moving into the shed immediately after clearance.

Drainage materials were installed on field two but remain untested due to ongoing drought conditions.

The Great Rivers Greenway Trail section through Koch Park and adjacent housing is fully completed, including new barricades and a finished bridge.

The ADA transition audit began on September 22nd and will continue through October, with two public hearings planned in October, aiming for completion by late December or early January
A \$575,000 St. Louis County Municipal Park grant was awarded to finish two soccer fields at Koch Park, with work set to start January 2026 and complete before the fall soccer season

The installation of soccer field lights has been postponed to October 25th to avoid overlapping with the soccer season and related field use disruptions.

Native prairie restoration at St. Ferdinand Park is underway, with herbicide treatments completed and scheduled seeding on November 19th, expecting a full bloom and trail completion within three years. This restoration is contracted with a native landscaping specialist, including first-year watering to ensure growth success.

Basketball courts at Mullanphy Park will be resurfaced and reconfigured into two half courts by early spring 2026,

Forest Relief, alongside State Farm volunteers, will plant multiple donated trees at St. Ferdinand Park on October 16th

A separate tree planting event at Koch Park is planned for November 8th

Ice rink will open November 4, 2025

Possibly adding fire pits to underused space at ice rink

Announcements - None

Communications – None

Unfinished Business –Top 10 Items for Parks Master Plan

Tom's list is cornhole boards, walking path St. Ferdinand Park, Volleyball courts redone at Bangert and St. Ferdinand, Bocci Ball, Batting cages at Mullanphy Park, Pump track Koch Park, Soccer fields Koch Park, Pickleball JJE, new parking lot JJE and Bangert and Wiffleball space.

Tom also asked about the windscreens at St. Ferdinand Park by Pickleball courts

Paula, additional parking at St. Ferdinand and lights at Bangert

Kristina pavilion and playground at JJE

Dog Park

Dunegant all football fields and food trucks.

Park Foundation – Park Board still wants to have a Park Foundation but have not begun work yet. They would like to offer scholarships in swimming lessons and summer camp.

New Business – None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm 1st by Paula and 2nd by Mike