

# Parks Board Minutes

APPROVED 2/4/2026

**BOARD PRESENT:** Jimmy Head, Bob Montoya, Mike Pike, Bubba Perry, Thom Golden, Mahlon Hellman, Jeremiah Bennett, Jill Rathert, Jana Garton

**BOARD ABSENT:** Ken Hesson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Andy Gilley, Keith Bruce, Dallas Long, Trevor Cole, Natalie Lankster

**Called to order at 6:00pm**

**Motion to Elect Ken Hesson for Chairman**

Motion: Bubba Perry

Second: Mahlon Hellman

Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0

**Motion to Elect Jeremiah Bennett for Vice Chairman**

Motion: Bubba Perry

Second: Jill Rathert

Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0

**Motion to approve February 23, 2026 Agenda with adding TUSC to Agenda**

Motion: Mike Pike

Second: Jimmy Head

Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0

**Motion to approve February 4, 2026 Parks Board Minutes**

Motion: Bubba Perry

Second: Mahlon Hellman

Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Native Meadow**

Discussion: Aprelle stated that she wants to install a Native Plant Meadow at Memorial Park on the Back 40 open area. Aprelle discussed that the only thing the Park will need to do is bushhog the area once or twice a year, she will take care of everything else.

**Motion to approve Native Meadow by Bob Montoya**

**Second: Mike Pike**

**Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0**

**Hockey Rink Vending**

Discussion: Adam stated that he proposes placing a merchandise vending machine to make roller hockey equipment available on-site at Volunteer Park. He is wanting to make gear such as laces, helmets, repair kits, Mouth Guards, proper roller hockey pucks and any other roller hockey things. His goal is to make these things easily accessible to players.

**Motion to Recommend Proposal as it is to BOMA by Jill Rathert**

**Second: Bubba Perry**

**Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0**

**Soccer Turf Field Use Policy**

Discussion: Dallas Long stated that when we created this policy a couple of years ago, we put a policy together that we thought was fair for both of our soccer groups and it has overall worked well. This is an updated verbiage and one of the main things that we have added is ensuring Turf Field access to our Rec Soccer Club and ensuring Turf availability to TUSC during their tryout week.

**Motion to approve staff suggested Turf Soccer Field Use Policy by Jimmy Head**

**Second: Mike Pike**

**Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0**

**Cold Weather Policy**

Discussion: Andy Gilley stated that, for several years we have had a severe weather policy that address severe heat but we have never had a severe weather policy for cold temperatures. We came up with a chart that we fill is necessary for our leagues that we can suggest to all other leagues during cold temperatures.

**Motion to approve staff suggestions for Parks Run Cold Weather Policy by Bubba Perry**

**Second: Bob Montoya**

**Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0**

**LPRF 2026**

Discussion: Andy Gilley stated that this is a recommendation that BOMA approves that Parks Staff applies for a Grant. In this years round of funding we are wanting to do many different updates to the Parks as you will see in the presentation.

**Motion to Recommend that BOMA authorize Parks Staff to Apply for 2026 LPRF Grant by Jimmy Head**

**Second: Mike Pike**

**Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0**

**TUSC Womens Pro League**

Discussion: Jonathan Wayland stated that he is wanting to propose adding a WPSL team to their leagues. This league would participate in the May-June time frame. We currently have a Men's team and are wanting to add a Women's team.

**Motion to approve TUSC to host WPSL League by Bubba Perry**

**Second: Jimmy Head**

**Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0**

**Womens Adult Rugby**

Discussion: Brian Silkwood stated that a couple years ago they had a girls High School team a couple years ago and they have partnered with the women's team to try to grow the High School team again.

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Motion to approve Adult Womens Rugby to be operated through Sumner Co Rugby by Jill Rathert  
Second: Mahlon Hellman  
Vote: Unanimous Approval – 8-0

## STAFF VERBAL UPDATES

**Athletic Coordinator-** Cindy Hamblen stated that Raptors Basketball has begun. They play on Friday nights and Saturday Mornings. She currently has 48 registered to play and she averages about 24 each time they meet. Raptors Baseball and Kickball registration will go live in March. The Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt registration will go live at the end of February.

**Special Event Supervisor-** Natalie Lankster stated that she recognized the Festival of Lights Winners at the January BOMA Meeting. This month we have a 15k that starts out at Veterans Park.

**Parks Maintenance Superintendent-** Trevor Cole stated that we are continuing our Winter List. Our crews are trying to take care of some of the smaller damage from the snow and ice storm. We are working through some renovation at Country Hills, so we will be working on that for a while. Turf got pushed back about a week due to the weather, once everything thaws out, we will see when they can get back there working.

**Assistant Director-** Dallas Long stated that our Lacrosse program has grown. We now have a Girls Middle School team which is great. Our Civitan Program was just named the NFL Flag Female Program of the year in the Nation. Lacrosse has already started practicing and their first game is scheduled for next Saturday. TUSC and Middle School Soccer are set to begin February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Assistant Director-** Keith Bruce stated that Youth Basketball has unfortunately had a lot of rescheduling due to the weather. Fastpitch is currently doing sign-ups and Civitan's draft is next week. Fast Pitch Middle School will begin late February. Middle School Baseball sign-ups are still ongoing.

**Parks Director-** Andy Gilley stated that Trevor and his crew have done a great job with getting things back open. Tomorrow we are going to re-open all the Greenways. We appreciate everyone reaching out and offering to help with things. Ryan and Michelle Clair were named League Operators of the year. Congratulations to them and Flag Football on all their growth.

## ROUND TABLE

**Jimmy Head-** Thanks again everyone for what you all do.

**Bob Montoya-** Hats off to everyone, and Andy thank you for the daily updates.

**Mike Pike-** Thank you to everything that you all do.

**Bubba Perry-** Thank you for all you do.

**Thom Golden-** Tremendous year, this is one of the best Parks Department anywhere.

**Mahlon Hellman-** Great job to the staff.

**Jill Rathert-** Great job to the staff.

**Jana Garton-** None

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Adjourned 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Hesson, Chairman



Jasmine Biggerstaff, Administrative Assistant II