MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
March 2, 2026

Members Present: Kellie Street, Jim Gartland, Jim Brunner, and Bria Coil.
Others Present: Rose Cadena, Jeremiah Horvath, Michelle Pond, Andy Davis, Melissa Rogers, Julia Glesner, Julie Fauser, Rebecca Higgins and Ryan Kellermyer

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Kellie Street.

Motion to approve minutes from January 5, 2026 meeting was made by Jim Gartland; second by Bria Coil. Motion carried.

New Business:

New Park Employees

Rose Cadena introduced Rebecca Higgins (Administrative Assistant) and Michelle Pond (Program Coordinator) to the board. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves too.

Signature Lawn

Rose stated Ryan Kellermyer from Signature Lawn was here to address the Park Board with a proposal for Lawn Care. Proposal is attached. Ryan stated that he was grateful to have the opportunity to present his proposal to the Park Board. Ryan stated the current Lawn Car Company that the Parks Dept currently uses is a great deal cheaper that his proposal. His proposal is about double the cost the parks dept. currently pays His proposal is he would be willing to cut his cost if the Park Board is willing to approve signage that would be posted on site as part of a sponsorship/discount. His quote is for $14,398 and with the discount/sponsorship it would be $9,503. Rose stated the current company is not local and we have not been totally happy with their service for a couple years. Rose also stated the Parks Dept would like to add the Dog Park area once the project is completed. Julia Glessaner also asked for an additional treatment for the Gardens area. Julie Fauser asked that a large portion of the Meadow area not be sprayed due to the butterfly garden.

Motion to approve Signature Lawns proposal and sponsorship signage was made by Jim Gartland; second by Kellie Street.

Dog Park Update

Rose stated she got the first draw of $152,492.17 monies from the Federal Grant for the Dog Park. Dwight Ott was unable to attend the meeting but provided an update for the board. The update is attached. The dog park is 85% completed. He provided a short list of things that still need done. The Parks Dept also need to set and annual fee soon. The Dog Park will not be opened until we are well into summer so the grass can get established. We will update the board when the date is set. Ryan Kellermyer stated once the dog park is open and gets sprayed, we would need to keep everyone off the grass for approx. 1 hr.

Friendship Corner

Rose Cadena provided the board with a quote for the PIP surfacing for Friendship Corner. ADA regulations have changed and there are 2 areas that need additional poured in place surfacing installed. The cost for the additional PIP is $85,148. Rose will ask for additional appropriation from City Council to

complete this project. She will be asking for those funds to come from the Food & Beverage tax monies that were collected in 2025.

ADA Grants

Rose Cadena stated Jeff Reyes and I have applied for 2 grants through AWS. The first one is for $50,000 and if we are awarded that grant it will help pay for the PIP surfacing at Friendship Corner. The second grant is for $5,000 (Mighty Money grant). If we are awarded that grant we plan to purchase 6 more ADA accessible picnic tables for our parks.

Quotes for Buck Complex

Rose Cadena provided the board with 3 quotes for a new restroom facility for Buck's Complex in Matter Park. Quotes are attached. Rose stated she has a meeting with the Mayor on Wednesday to present this project to him in hopes to fund it from the Food & Beverage Tax money collected in 2025. She will update the board at the next meeting.

Quotes for Shelter #5 restroom remodel

Rose Cadena provided the board with 3 quotes for the restroom remodel for Shelter #5. This restroom services a shelter that we currently rent and is an income source for the Parks Dept. Rose stated she is meeting with the Mayor on Wednesday to present this project. She hopes to fund this project from the Food & Beverage Tax monies collected in 2025. She will update the board at the next meeting.

Other Business

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Gartland; second by Kellie Street. Motion carried.

Kellie Street

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Park Board President

Next Meeting is Monday, May 4, 2026 at Noon in the second floor conference room at City Hall.