MARION PARKS AND RECREATION

BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2026

Members Present: Rose Cadena, Andy Davis, Jeremiah Horvath, Jim Bruner, Jim Gartland, Kellie Street, Bri Coil, Julie Fauser, Melissa Rogers, Michelle Pond, Tanya Smith and Rebecca Higgins.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm by Kellie Street

Motion to approve minutes from March 2, 2026 meeting was made by Bria Coil; Second by Jim Gartland. Motion carried.

Resolution of Marion High School Alumni Board of Directors stating there will be no liability on their group for any vandalism that would happen to the artwork once it is installed in the fence at Buck's Complex in Matter Park. No objections by the board. Resolution attached.

New Business:

Southside Update

Rose Cadena provided the board a Capital Project Update Memorandum from Joe Murphy since he was unable to attend the park board meeting. Memorandum is attached. The Design and construction by HWC coming along nicely. They are working towards a phased implementation approach due to budget limitations.

Skate Park Update

Rose Cadena provided the board a Capital Project Update Memorandum from Joe Murphy since he was unable to attend the Park Board meeting. Memorandum is attached. The Designer is being handled by Hunger and the development and construction by Garmong Construction Services. They are Designing a phased approach due to budget constraints (project current over available funding) Rose stated that they are over the $750,000 allotted for the project and they will be seeking outside funding sources for the remainder of the funds. The project budget is set for approx. one million.

Dog Park Update

Rose Cadena provided the board with an update from Ryan Malott with pictures attached. He listed a progress report and a forecasted list that needs to be finished. She stated the dog park is almost completed and if the weather cooperates, it won't take us long to get it finished. Rose stated the Dog park will not open until later this summer so the new sod has time to establish. The Park Board will need to establish member fees but that will be done at a later date.

Friendship Corner PIP update

Rose Cadena stated Prep site work has been rescheduled due to weather. The new dates for site work are April 13-April 17 and PIP install is scheduled for April 20-April 24. Friendship corner will be closed April 13-April 27.

Shelter 5 proposed restroom remodel update and Bucks Complex update

Rose Cadena stated the Parks Dept. will not be moving forward on the remodel for Shelter #5 or the new build for Buck's Complex due to budget restraints. My plan is to hopefully have the money later this year to remodel Shelter #5. If I get the $50,000 grant from AWS for the PIP surfacing at Friendship Corner that puts $50,000 back into my budget, which the bathrooms for shelter five are $58,000 so I would get the other $8,000 from my regular budget to complete that project.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

Rose Cadena stated Jeffrey Reyes and herself submitted a grant (EECBG) yesterday before midnight to help with the cost of converting the lights back at buck's complex to LED lighting. This project is approx. $114,000 we may need some matching funds but don't know what percentage that would be. Jeremiah had gotten some quotes for just installing the halogen bulb that we have on hand. Rex Collins would install 15 of our bulbs that we already have and if any of them weren't working, they would try and figure out the problem and get them working. The quote was for approx. $40,000.

Bandshell Update

Rose Cadena stated board member Bria Coil had emailed her and asked for an update on the bandshell project. The mayor has decided not to move forward with this project at this time. The bandshell can't be rehabbed; it would have to be replaced once it is deemed unsafe. The structure is currently stable and being rented for the 2026 season.

Splash House – Bowl Slide

Andy Davis stated the bowl slide was not open last summer due to some cracks in the bowl. The bowl slide is being repaired this year and the cost is $40,000 and the mayor will fund it out of the EDIT Fund. The repair will be done before the park opens Memorial weekend. Splash House will open on May 23rd and close on August 16th.

Other Business

Motion to adjourn made by Bria Coil; second by Kellie Street. Motion carried.

Kellie Street

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Park Board President

The next meeting is Monday May 4, 2026 at Noon in the second-floor conference room at City Hall.