

**CITY OF COTTLEVILLE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2026**

The Parks and Recreation Board held their regular meeting in the board room at City Hall located at 5490 5th Street Cottleville, Missouri.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Amy Lewis, City Clerk called roll and those present at roll call were:

Andy Brown	Absent
Jamie Goodwin	Present
Lea Ann Grimshaw	Present
Scott Liebel	Present
Scott Rodgers	Present
Mary Ann Fink	Present
Alderman Mike Krekeler	Present (Aldermanic Representative)

There were six (6) members present and one (1) absent. Michael Padella, City Administrator, a non – voting member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was also present. Mayor Thompson was initially present but stepped out after introductions.

Minutes

Mike Krekeler moved to approve the February 26, 2026 minutes. Scott Liebel seconded the motion. The motion carried with six (6) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions.

Andy Brown arrived at the meeting at this time.

Reports from Committee Members

The Committee welcomed Mary Ann Fink to her first meeting. Mary Ann Fink thanked Alderman Mike Krekeler and the other members for their commitment to the City Parks.

Lea Ann Grimshaw suggested improving Scott A. Lewis Park access and proposed adding a mountain bike trail and a youth climbing wall to the City parks system.

Lea Ann Grimshaw recommended additional fencing at Hansen Park due to the park's proximity to the roadway.

Jamie Goodwin inquired about the City's website agenda postings and public access to topics. The Committee discussed circumstances regarding closed items and provided further clarification on the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Andy Brown noted that portions of the asphalt trails throughout the City tend to hold water.

Lea Ann Grimshaw suggested honoring Tim Wilmarth a Miralago resident, for his volunteer maintenance work at Scott A. Lewis Park.

The Committee discussed the invasive Bradford Pear trees in Cottleville and plans to coordinate a removal and replacement program in the future. Staff will educate the public via social media and E-news regarding Bradford pear tree buy-back programs.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A. Selection of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman designations.

Jamie Goodwin inquired about the duties of Chairperson. Scott Liebel suggested being familiar with Robert Rules of Order and noted he has filled in as chairperson for Planning and Zoning in the past.

Scott Rodgers nominated Alderman Mike Krekeler as chairman of PRAC.

Andy Brown nominated Lee Ann Grimshaw as chairman of PRAC. Scott Rodgers seconded the motion. Lee Ann Grimshaw declined.

Andy Brown nominated himself as Vice Chairman of PRAC.

Hearing no further nominations Jamie Goodwin moved to close nominations. Scott Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven (7) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions.

Michael Padella, City Administrator noted that Alderman Krekeler is the Alderman representative and the Board President, then he called for a motion accepting Alderman Mike Krekeler as chairman of PRAC which was so moved by Andy Brown. Mike Krekeler seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven (7) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions.

Michael Padella, City Administrator called for a motion accepting Andy Brown as vice chairman of PRAC which was so moved by Andy Brown. Scott Liebel seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven (7) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions.

B. Discuss the "PRAC Member Parks & Recreation Vision Exercise"

Michael Padella City Administrator previously provided a survey to the committee members of which four (4) of them completed. He reviewed the results of the survey with the committee.

Mayor Stephen Thompson arrived for the meeting.

It was noted the Committee will take a walking or golf cart tour of Legacy Park in the section behind City Hall at the next meeting.

During this time the following subcommittees were established.

Education & Preservation

- Mary Ann Fink
- Jamie Goodwin
- Scott Leibel

Connectivity & Accessibility

- Andy Brown
- LeAnn Grimshaw
- Scott Rodgers

Recreation & Community Building

- Andy Brown
- Scott Leibel
- Mike Krekeler

C. Vantage Lake Bank Stabilization Project:

Potential Change Order - Repair and rock Dardenne Creek inflow spillway.

Damages to Portions of Existing Trail - Options for repairs vs. upgrades to trail.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed maps for the Vantage Lake Bank Stabilization project. We also discussed a potential change order to improve the lake spillway and repair damaged sections of the trail to meet Greenway standards.

Lea Ann Grimshaw moved to recommend supporting the above projects. Scott Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven (7) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions.

Establish Lake "access points" for the public.

Jamie Goodwin moved to recommend supporting establishing an access point at Vantage Lake near the parking lot. Scott Liebel seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven (7) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions.

D. Next Bank Stabilization Project for Harmony Lake and/or Buchheit Lake i. Discuss project goals and objectives.

The committee has suggested evaluating bank stabilization methods beyond the use of riprap rock where possible. It was noted that the banks at Vantage Lake are extremely steep and are currently sliding.

E. Kochanski Multipurpose Field:

Pending Request from the American Cricket Association to retrofit field by constructing a Cricket Pitch.

Mr. Padella asked the Committee for their feedback on revisiting negotiations with a local youth cricket club regarding the rental of Kochanski Multi Sports field. The proposal includes using the field for games and practices, offering leagues, and making field improvements. It was noted that the field would remain available for other sports, as the City could negotiate specific dates and times as well as rental fees.

Scott Leibel and Mike Krekeler stated they do not support this idea. However, Jamie Goodwin and Lee Ann Grimshaw were in favor of exploring the opportunity, noting that many local residents play cricket and this could be an opportunity to offer a new youth program in the City's park. It was noted this could function as a partnership like our sand volleyball program. It was also noted that the master plan for the park may need to be revisited.

F. Dardenne Blueway:

Kayak Access Landing Project

Alderman Krekeler handed out a drawing of a spillway bridge and pathway suggestion to provide a blue way access to the Dardenne Creek from the rear of Legacy Park. Some discussion was held regarding private partnerships to obtain a second blue way access on the other side of the City.

Other Discussion

None.

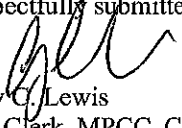
Next Meeting

April 8, 2026

Adjournment

Scott Liebel moved to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven (7) affirmative votes. There were zero (0) nay votes, and zero (0) abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy C. Lewis
City Clerk, MPCC, CMC, CMO


Chairman Mike Krekeler

Approval Date: 4/8/24