



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Board of Park Commissioners

Date: September 21, 2026

Agenda

- I. **Roll Call-** Kathleen Mills called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Israel Herrera, Jim Whitlatch, Kathleen Mills are present. Ellen Rodkey was not present.
- II. **Agenda**
 - A. **Consent Calendar**
 1. Consent Calendar- Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the consent calendar. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll call vote for approval was unanimous.
 - B. **Public Hearings and Appearances**
 1. Bravo Award - Brandon Olson
Emily Buuck presented the Bravo Award to Brandon Olson.
Brandon Olson was not present to receive the award.
 - C. **Other Business**
 1. [Resolution 26-04 - Honorary naming of Griffy Loop Trail](#)
 - a) Kathleen Mills requested the postponement of resolution 26-04 due to Les Coyne being unable to attend this meeting. Jim Whitlatch motioned to postpone resolution 26-04 and item C7 cemetery plot reclamations to the October 15th meeting. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll call vote for postponement of agenda items were unanimously approved.
 2. [Agreement with Native View for canopy expansion tree planting](#)
Haskell Smith
 - a) Haskell Smith presented the staff report stating that this is the fifth and final phase of the bicentennial bonds to plant the remainder of the trees. Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the agreement with Native View. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.
 3. [Agreement with Ellington Tree Expert Co. for ash tree removals](#)

- a) Haskell Smith presented the staff report stating to use the Ellington Tree Expert Co. to remove 20 dead ash trees. Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the agreement with Ellington Tree Expert Co. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.
- 4. [Agreement with REA for Trades District planning](#)
 - a) Rebecca Swift presented the staff report which stated that it's a project that is funded and managed by ESD but it could impact the b-line near Rogers street. Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the agreement with REA for Trades District. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.
- 5. [Agreement with Eco Logic for invasive treatment and monitoring at Griffy Lake](#)
 - a) Mary Welz presented the staff report stating that the company will perform various ecological restoration and consulting services starting November of 2026 to March of 2027. Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the agreement with Eco Logic. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.
- 6. [Agreement with Eco Logic for prescribed burn monitoring at Griffy Lake](#)
 - a) Mary Welz presented the staff report stating that Eco Logic will perform vegetation management services prior to and after upcoming prescribed fire activities. This will be the 5th prescribed burn unit at Griffy Lake and will continue to monitor the success of the prescribed burn. Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the agreement Eco Logic for prescribed burn monitoring. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.
- 7. [Integrated Pest Management Plan Updates](#)
 - a) Joanna Sparks presented the staff report for approval for the updated version of the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan. Joanna stated that the plan was originally developed in 2016 and has not been formally updated and approved since that time along with updating the plan to be more accessible and current for the public. Jim Whitlatch moved to approve the updated Integrated Pest

Management Plan. Israel Herrera seconded. Roll Call vote for approval was unanimous.

D. Reports

1. 2027 Price Schedule

- a) Molly Cockerham presented the staff report stating the changes from the 2026 price schedule are listed in the staff report and the formal 2027 price schedule document listing all of the prices is also attached. The board had no questions regarding the 2027 price schedule. This will be voted on in the October meeting. Tim Street informed the board if there are other further questions, please reach out via email prior to the October meeting to plan on approving and adopting the 2027 price schedule at the October meeting.

2. Report on Aquatics Investment Opportunities

- a) Satoshi Kido presented a staff report stating the Parks and Recreation department enlisted the help of Ratio reporting to put together a plan for aquatics investment for both Bryan and Mills pools. Tommy Freiburn presented a presentation discussing the opportunities for changing and upgrading both Mills and Bryan pool and the amount that each would require to update the facility. Israel Herrera did ask how the Bloomington pools compare to other pools in the area and Tommy responded that the pools are similar where they were built 20-30 years ago and are now in need of updates and repairs. Tommy also stated that a lot of Parks departments have closed the pools completely due to cost and maintenance.

III. Public Comment

- A. No public comment

IV. Adjournment

- A. Tim Street, Director included closing comments thanking Ratio for their help with the aquatics investment plan and the helpfulness of having a report like this to make informed decisions for the future of the Bryan and Mills Park pools. Tim Street followed up with an announcement of a special meeting on 9/28/26 at 5:30 at Switchyard Park to present and discuss the Investment Priorities Plan. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Mills at 5:41pm.

Board Membership

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, and in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Board Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
Israel Herrera	Mayor	1/1/2023	1/1/2023-12/31/2026
Kathleen Mills	Mayor	1/1/2024	1/1/2024-12/31/2027
Jim Whitlatch	Mayor	1/1/2025	1/1/2025-12/31/2028
Ellen Rodkey	Mayor	1/1/2026	1/1/2026-12/31/2029

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