



MINUTES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

6 p.m.

REMOTE

Approved: 8-6-25

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Aaron Falotico, Sharon Konopa, Anna Roller, Joyce Thompson
Graham, Nick Anderson, Jill Van Buren

Members absent: Bill Stoneroad

Staff present: Kim Lyddane, Director; Rick Barnett, Parks & Facilities Maintenance
Manager; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator; Kris
Schendel, Code Compliance Officer

Guest present: Maya Perez, Boys and Girls Club of Albany

Business from the Public
1) None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 5, 2025

6:03 p.m.

MOTION: Falotico moved to adopt the minutes. Van Buren seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6:04 p.m.

- a. Possible vacation of path from Hill St. to Oak St. through Albany Boys & Girls Club
Perez presented an overview of the issues the Boys and Girls Club is having that are directly
related to the pathway in which a section runs through their property. Brief discussion followed

MOTION: Falotico moved to recommend to the Planning Commission to vacate the path Hill St.
to Oak St. Van Buren seconded the motion, which passed 5-1.

ACTION ITEMS

- b. None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

6:50 p.m.

- a. Capital Projects
- Lyddane reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet.
- Deerfield Park renovation project has started with completion targeted for mid-October.

STAFF REPORTS

6:55 p.m.

Barnett provided an update on Park Maintenance.

- Lehigh Park is open, but a few fit and finish items still need to be completed. Dedication is scheduled for July 9, 2025.
- Keeping seasonal staff continues to be difficult.
- Hunter-Froemke is doing a great job at managing the Deerfield Park renovation project.
- Flowers throughout the City are in. Waverly shrub bed has new irrigation, and new plants are in.

Lyddane provided an update on recreation programs.

- Splash pad is open.
- COOL Pool will open on June 14 or 15 depending on staffing levels.
- Summer staff for recreation activities start June 23.
- The new Recreation Assistant starts June 16, which will replace the position Linda Booth is leaving for retirement.
- Registration for summer programs opens May 23, 2025.
- Brick work on Water Ave is taking place.
- Fun in the Park starts July 9 at Lehigh Park.
- The Recreation Manager position is on hold until fall.
- BN 25-27 budget passed in Budget Committee and will go to Council June 11 with an increase in the city services fee to \$14.82
- Looking at public space use and how to manage with ongoing vandalism and increase transient population issues.
- Reviewing possible locations for Locks of Love memorial structure and working with the Albany Parks & Recreation foundation for fundraising.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

6:45 p.m.

Van Buren noted Adopt a Park is doing their annual Periwinkle Creek wade to clean up any shopping carts and debris in the creek. Schendel is working on a municipal code regarding shopping carts. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioners are excited about the opening of Lehigh Park.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 6, 2025. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Signature on file

Debbie Little

Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Kim Lyddane

Parks & Recreation Director