



Minutes of Parks Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 15th, 2025
Council Chambers
5:00PM

Those in attendance were:

Steve Lee, Vice Chair
Junior Rodemeyer, Staff Liaison
Tom Farmer, Mayor
Bill Donner
Frank Baptist
Steve Brown

Evelyn Reed
Ann Spencer-Cole
Jeff Hamm
Jeff Morrow
Trevor Villines

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in the Council Chambers and agreed to the following.

Vice Chairman Lee moved to the approval of the May 13, 2025, minutes. Alderman Hamm made a motion to accept the minutes. Alderwoman Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Lee moved to the next item on the agenda, River Center Membership Pricing. Rodemeyer stated that a couple of months ago, it was approved to increase the day pass admission for youths and seniors to \$5.00. After this, the Department reviewed the membership rates. These rates have not been raised since we opened the facility on April 1, 2017. We are proposing a \$10.00 increase to all adult, family and youth memberships. This does not affect our rate lock, corporate, military or senior memberships. Rodemeyer reported that we are starting to see more maintenance needs as the building ages. This increase will help offset those costs as well as offset other costs that have increased. Rodemeyer did advise that this will still allow our membership rates to be lower than other competing community centers. Vice Chairman Lee made a motion to move forward. Alderman Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Staff Liaison Junior Rodemeyer moved to BHS Tennis Agreement. Rodemeyer advised that this is an annual agreement that we bring forward every year. This agreement allows Benton High School to use our tennis courts at Tyndall Park, and in return, we use their track for the track program. There is no monetary value in this agreement. Alderman Hamm made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Staff Liaison Junior Rodemeyer moved to BHS Swim Agreement. This agreement is another annual agreement with Benton High School. Rodemeyer stated that it is a little different because

there is a monetary rate of \$1,000 for the swim team to use our facility. Alderman Morrow made a motion to approve. Alderman Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.