

**Parks and Recreation Board
Work Session Minutes
City of Huber Heights
January 15, 2026**

- I.** Chair Casey Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m.
- II.** Present at the meeting: Casey Taylor, Chair, Justus Bonnoront, Vice Chair, Alex Black, Bryan Detty, Andy Hill, Rachael Aikens, Richard Moore, Denis Snider, Michelle Fischer and Ron Eifert, Special Liaison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Lindeman, YMCA at Heights, Molly Gross, Acting Parks Manager

III. Opening Remarks

1. None

IV. Citizen's Comments

1. None

V. Old Business

1. YMCA Update
 - a. Mr. Lindeman gave an update on shelter reservations and working towards getting ready for the Kroger Aquatic Center season.
2. City Update
 - a. Ms. Gross gave an update on programming at the Senior Center and upcoming events that the Parks Department is offering in January and February.
3. OEFF Grant Update
 - a. Mr. Lindeman gave an update from Mrs. Forsythe that she has applied for a mini grant to aid in removing invasive plants from the pollinator beds at Cloud and Rip Rap Parks, along with interpretive signage at each location with information on how to collect their seeds from the pollinator beds.
4. Heritage Tree Program & Placard
 - a. A discussion was held around the recognizing the winner from the Heritage Tree Program. A decision was made to present the plaque to them at the March Work Session with placement to be made when the weather warms.

VI. New Business

1. Native Tree Handout for Board Discussion/Recommendation
 - a. The board went over a document talking about native planting ordinance for the City of Huber Heights. The board was presented with the opportunity to make a recommendation for such an ordinance to be created for the City of Huber Heights. 1st: Justus, 2nd: Andy, Vote-10-0
2. Election of 2026 Officers
 - a. Board Chair:
 - i. Nominations- Casey Taylor, Rachael Aikens
 - ii. Votes: Casey Taylor-6 votes, Rachael Aiken-2
 - b. Board Vice Chair:
 - i. Nominations-Rachael Aikens, Andy Hill
 - ii. Votes: Rachael Aikens-6, Andy Hill-2

VII. Additional Business and Announcements

1. Restrooms at Community Park is in the CIP to be done.
2. City received a grant to purchase tree seedlings to give out along with the Tree Giveaway.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025, were approved as written.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

1. February 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.