CITY OF PICKERINGTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

4. PARKS AND RECREATION

   A. Council Representative's Report (Mr. Kemper)

   B. Parks & Recreation Director's Report (Mrs. Medinger)

   C. Tree Preservation Report (Mr. Malone)

5. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

Draft Parks Minutes 2-9-26

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1. ROLL CALL

Mr. White called the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Stewart; Mr. Malone; Mr. White; Mr. Salyers; Mr. VanNess; Mr. Kemper

Absent: Mrs. Rentschler; Mr. Harris

Others Present: Rebecca Medinger; Debbie Kopinsky

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. White **to approve**, **seconded by** Mr. Malone

Yes: Mr. Malone, Mr. VanNess, Mr. Salyers, Mr. White, Mr. Stewart
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3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION

A. Council Representative's Report (Mr. Kemper)

Mr. Kemper stated that at the last Council meeting, a student from Pickerington North High School gave a presentation about composting and urged the City to start a composting program. He continued that he encouraged her to come to a Parks Board meeting to share her presentation. He added that the Board could discuss possibly incorporating some composting efforts into the Community Gardens. He stated that the student suggested that the trash hauler could pick up compost at peoples' homes or at a community drop-off location. Mr. Salyers asked how many Community Garden areas does the City have. Mr. Kemper stated that there is one on 256. Mrs. Medinger clarified that there are 71 in-ground plots and 6 raised plots in the Community Garden area. Mr. Stewart stated that items that could be dropped off would need to be defined. Mr. Kemper stated that Bexley has a composing program. Mr. Salyers stated that he will find out what

they do in Bexley because he works there. Mrs. Medinger clarified that the Community Gardens get inundated with their own waste. Mr. Kemper stated that he is thinking this could be a small-scale voluntary thing to start. Mr. White asked if the student talked about any cost associated with this program. Mr. Kemper clarified that she had a pretty extensive presentation and is sure she researched the cost, but it was not mentioned. He continued that he has no doubt there would be more cost than initially thought. Mr. White stated that there would be a cost to sort through the waste and his concern would be the Parks budget. Mr. Kemper stated that if a cost to implement for the first year is determined, and the case is made to Council, Council could approve funding over and above what is in the Parks budget. Mr. White stated that the point is that the City still has to spend money on other things and prices are increasing. He continued that if the City is spending money on a composting program, then spending needs to be decreased somewhere else, taxes could be increased to accommodate, or deficit spending assuming there is no wiggle room in the budget. He added that there is no problem with a pilot program, but Mrs. Medinger will need to look into the cost. Mr. Kemper clarified that he can assure that there would be no need to worry about deficit spending. Mrs. Medinger stated the student can reach out to her by email if she does not want to do another presentation.

B. Parks & Recreation Director's Report (Mrs. Medinger)

Mrs. Medinger stated that the Board should have a copy of her February report and would be happy to answer any questions. She continued that she also included the pool summary for 2025. Mr. Malone requested the conceptual plans for the Covered Bridge and Sycamore Creek pond restoration. Mrs. Medinger stated that she will pass the request on to the City Engineer. Mr. Kemper stated that it was a very successful year financially for the pool compared to previous years and commended the staff. Mr. Kemper asked how hiring is going for lifeguards. Mrs. Medinger stated that seven potential candidates have been interviewed and there are currently six lifeguards returning. She clarified that she would like to have a minimum of twenty.

C. Tree Preservation Report (Mr. Malone)

Mr. Malone asked if there have been any issues with storm damage. Mr. Medinger stated that she has not heard of anything. Mr. Malone stated that regarding the composting, there would have to be a fairly extensive educational portion to it and was not sure if the student would be interested in helping with that.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no Board discussion items.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kemper asked if the summer concerts are listed in the Spring/Summer Program Guide. Mrs. Medinger stated yes. Mr. Kemper asked if there have been any thoughts about having a smaller band at the Gazebo. He continued that he is asking because Local Cantina will be opening, there is the DORA, there is Johnson's Ice Cream, Porter's Coffee, and shops in the downtown. He added that he was thinking about having the band in the summer on Thursdays, the same time as the Shop Hop and the Farmers Market. Mrs. Medinger stated that there have not been any internal discussions and assumes that once Local Cantina opens, there will be discussions. Mr. Salyers asked about who runs the Farmers Market. Mrs. Medinger stated that it is run by the Pickerington Village Association (PVA) and they have music during the Farmers Market.

Mr. White encouraged the Board to reach out to people to see what they think about the parks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. White **to adjourn**, **seconded by** Mr. Malone

Yes: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Malone, Mr. White, Mr. Salyers, Mr. VanNess

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The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Debbie Kopinsky, Deputy City Clerk