

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2026

Robert Moton Center

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Gary Davis, Austin Johnstone, Mark Schmidt, David Ferguson, Donald Gerkin, Nick Shockney (in Michael Duffy's absence)

Members Excused: Anita Taylor, Kristin Darby, Lynn Karr-Kratz, Nadine Rosendale, John Woodley

Ex-Officio Member Present: Bob Hicks, Director

Staff Present: Lisa Householder, Ashleigh Smith, Heather Johannes

Esteemed Guests: N/A

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on, May 20, 2026, in the Meeting Room at the Robert Moton Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Johnstone.

Welcome and Introductions:

Welcome and Introductions were exchanged around the room.

Approval of Minutes:

The motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Gerkin, it was seconded by Mr. Davis, the vote was unanimous.

Director's Report- Mr. Hicks

Staff Update –

Heather Johannes – Division Manager, Parks
Christine Ridgley – new maintenance supervisor at Hashawha
Filling Maintenance Technician Position at Hashawha
Piney Run Park Camp staff

Programs and Upcoming Events –

Youth Kid Fishing Rodeo the last month – WCP and Krimgold
June 2nd – Virtual Volunteer Training
July – Recreation and Parks Month - Park Pursuit (annual scavenger hunt)
July 1st – Walk Carroll Events begin
July 11th – Car Fest at the Farm Museum
July – Movie Night at Charles Carroll

Marketing Update –

Document handed out to members. Staff are working on updating the LPPRP and website.

Other –

Leister Pickleball Court – complete this week or end of next week

Carroll County Sports Complex – SOQ went out for the design for the field improvement project. 13 firms that submitted and have short listed to three.
Field Light Fixture Replacement – Deer Park and Mayeski are complete. Freedom Park has been completed. Bennett Cerf and Sandymount are the last two fields.

Discussion regarding how remaining funds on completed projects are reallocated to other projects.

Space Allocation Update – Don Gerkin: Document provided to members of survey results sent to the rec councils.

Rec Councils in agreement, in-season in house rec is priority.
Aligned to get the minimum practice amounts for each Rec Council.

Next steps are waiting on data to compare their space assigned to them with registration to see if the space they have is feasible or not.

Mr. Ferguson – are you looking at adult programs down to youth and other sports.
Mr. Gerkin – Yes, we are not there yet.

Mr. Davis – how are you looking at municipalities?
Ms. Householder – they are not using our space. We have deadlines, we must request space through the school by a certain time and then they open it to anyone else.

Discussion regarding constraints with schools. Issues with teachers within schools that have a team from another county, and they get into the schools instead of our groups.

Mr. Shockney – in those situations we need to work together to address and investigate those situations.

Historically looking at registration counts and how it has changed. Members agree things are heading in the right direction.

FY27-32 Capital Budget: Budget will be adopted tomorrow, May 21st. Document handed out with what is planned to be approved during the adopted budget.

Commissioners' Corner: N/A

Other Business: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held June 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM, location Robert Moton Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ferguson at 8:11PM, it was seconded by Ms. Davis, the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned, time not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hicks

Bob Hicks, Director

Ashleigh Smith

Ashleigh Smith, Secretary