

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2026

Robert Moton Center

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Gary Davis, Austin Johnstone, Mark Schmidt, Donald Gerkin, Michael Duffy, Anita Taylor, Lynn Karr-Kratz

Members Excused: Nadine Rosendale, David Ferguson, John Woodley, Kristin Darby

Ex-Officio Member Present: N/A

Staff Present: Lisa Carroll, Ashleigh Smith, Heather Johannes

Esteemed Guests: N/A

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on, June 24, 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 May minutes was made by Mr. Davis, it was seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the vote was unanimous.

Director's Report- Mr. Hicks

Staff Update – No updates

Programs and Upcoming Events –

- July Recreation and Parks Month
- Proclamation for Recreation and Parks Month received at commissioners open session on June 17th
- Saturday, July 12th 11-2pm – Car Fest
- Park Pursuit –scavenger hunt over 3 weeks throughout the county parks
- Kick off Walk for July
- July 8th – Summer Pickleball Slamwich at Charles Carroll Community Center
- Jul 24th - Outdoor Movie Night at Charles Carroll Community Center
- July 29th - Challenge Course at Freedom Park
- July 31st – Glow Event Pickleball at Charles Carroll Community

Marketing Update – document handed out.

Compared to this time last year:

- 53% increase in Post Reach
- 15% increase in followers
- 42% increase in post engagement

Space Allocation Update – Don Gerkin:

A spreadsheet with current gym space was sent out to rec councils to confirm their current allocated space. They also are supposed to provide registration numbers. Received responses from four so far. Not going to wait for all responses – work on baseline model to provide. Don will be working on providing the max registration number for each registration. Don will provide his results and hope that the councils that have not responded get on board.

Mr. Davis - How are out of county participants being looked at?

Mr. Gerkin – have not tackled this yet.

Open registration early for county residents. If not, then you are in the mix with outside-of-county residents.

Mr. Gerkin – this recommendation should be made by Bob or department staff.

Ms. Processor (public comment) – will things look different for rec and travel?

Mr. Gerkin – asked rec councils to prioritize through a survey sent out. Overwhelming majority were in-house rec.

Ms. Karr-Kratz – who will be making these decisions?

Mr. Gerkin – agreement among the rec councils.

Mr. Davis – if the team doesn't use there space a certain number of times, then they lose their space.

Mr. Gerkin – this is on my radar but not something that is being looked at right now.

Ms. Karr-Kratz – do you have timeline on completion?

Mr. Gerkin - wanted to have numbers at this meeting but didn't make that timeline so I will be working through it over the weekend.

Mr. Davis – three commissioners involved in indoor and outdoor space.

Commissioners' Corner: N/A

Other Business: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held July 22, 2026, at 7:00 PM, location Robert Moton Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Davis, it was seconded by Mr. Gerkin, the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hicks

Bob Hicks, Director

Ashleigh Smith

Ashleigh Smith, Secretary