

PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Citizen Comment Period**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2025
- IV. Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Update on parks maintenance.**
 - b. **Community Event Engagement.** Involvement in City of Franklin community events.
 - i. **Arbor Day** - General overview; Tabling plans.
 - ii. **Trunk or Treat**
 - c. **Franklin Rec Department Pickleball Amenities Requests.** Wind screen and storage box status, paddle holders, other equipment.
 - d. **Discussion of combined Parks and Environmental Commission.** Scope and purpose of combined commissions, including areas of policy oversight, role in park administration, land conservation, and natural resource protection.
 - i. **Commission Rules and Procedures.** Review of Parks Commission administrative rules, open meetings requirements, and Robert's Rules.
 - ii. **Review of Commission Recommendation Form for NRSEs.**
 - iii. **Review of Park Plans and Finances.** City of Franklin Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Parkland Acquisition Study, Impact Fees and other parks policies.
 - e. **Littering Fines.** Discussion of recommendation to Common Council to increase fines or enforcement for littering from commercial and waste removal trucks.
 - f. **Invasive Species Management.** Information about buckthorn and invasive species work done by the Environmental Commission.
 - g. **Victory Creek Trail Mowing and Natural Resources.** Information about use of prescribed/controlled burns to maintain native vegetation and reduce invasive species.
 - h. **Update on trail projects,** including: South 116th Street, St. Martin of Tours, West Forest Home Avenue, West Church Street, State Highway 100, Ryan Creek and Cascade Creek Park.
 - i. **Park Facilities Reservation and Permitting Policies.** Discussion of reservation policies for league sports and other groups, fees, rules and policies for parks.
- V. New Business**
 - a. **Kayla's Playground Ambassador Recognition.**

- b. Franklin Woods Halloween Decorations.** Proposal to hang Halloween decorations along the trail in Franklin Woods
- c. Facebook / website presence** - Update on online communications resources available to the Commission.
- d. Request by Root Pike Win** for Commission to share stormwater survey via the newsletter etc.
- e. Natural Resource Impact Compensation Guide** – Introduction of draft Guide for adoption and administration by the Commission.
- f. Tree Initiative Proposal** – Proposal to create a program to provide trees for free or at a discounted rate that people can order from the Department of Public Works or other City department.
- g. Proposal to rename Ernie Lake Park** in honor of Parks Commission Chair Emeritus Anthony (Tony) Megna.

VI. Adjournment

Any question regarding items on this agenda may be directed to the Department of City Development's office at 414-425-4024, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Notice is given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

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REMINDERS: Next Regular Parks Commission Meeting: November 10, 2025