

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 10,
2 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street,
3 Centerville, Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

6 Sean Hall, Chair
7 Tyson Creamer
8 Andy Loosle
9 Aaron Getz

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11 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

12 Brooke Johnson
13 Tiffany Rees
14 Clint Warnick

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16 **STAFF PRESENT**

17 Gina Hirst, City Council Liaison
18 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director

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20 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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22 Minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Andy Loosle made a **motion** to
23 approve the minutes as written. Aaron Getz seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous
24 vote (5-0).

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26 **PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

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28 The committee reported strong progress on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, noting
29 that survey participation had increased from about 250 responses the previous month to 306.
30 Members expressed enthusiasm about the growing engagement and discussed continuing efforts
31 to promote the survey in high-traffic areas. Early survey results showed Centerville Community
32 Park as the most visited park at 45 percent, followed by Island View Park (20 percent), Smoot Park
33 (15 percent), and Freedom Hills Park (12 percent). Walking was the most common activity at 68
34 percent, though members noted that seasonal activities such as baseball, soccer, and pickleball
35 would likely increase as the weather warms.

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37 The committee also reviewed the structure of the draft master plan, including short-term
38 (1–3 years) and long-term (4–10 years) priorities supported by graphics prepared by Aaron Getz.
39 A gap was identified in the “Inventory and Analysis of Existing Resources” section, which Mr.
40 Getz volunteered to complete with assistance from Tiffany Reese. The section will include
41 statistics on park acreage, trails, programs, and potential comparisons with neighboring cities. The
42 committee plans to invite the trails committee chair to share insights from their successful planning
43 process and hopes to have a near-final draft ready for professional review by June before presenting
44 it to the City Council.

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1 Funding and implementation were also discussed. Park improvements are typically funded
2 through RAP tax revenue, grants, and park impact fees, though impact fee revenue has recently
3 declined, requiring the city to temporarily supplement projects with general funds. Committee
4 members concluded the discussion by planning to reposition survey signs near popular walking
5 paths and pickleball courts to increase participation as park usage rises in warmer months.
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7 **FINALIZE AMERICA250 CELEBRATION IDEAS**
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9 The committee discussed potential activities for the America 250 celebration in 2026
10 beyond the traditional July 3rd movie in the park. A list of ideas from the previous meeting included
11 constitutional camps for youth, walking or biking challenges, volunteer service days, concerts,
12 storytelling events, historical hikes, public art projects, time capsules, and community
13 competitions. Members used a QR code survey to vote on preferred ideas, with strong early support
14 for a walking or biking challenge. Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox suggested making it
15 a collective community goal rather than an individual challenge, proposing that residents work
16 together to log enough miles to equal the distance from Centerville to Philadelphia, where the
17 Constitution was signed, with participants contributing miles and earning commemorative items.
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19 The time capsule idea also generated interest, though members noted the Tree Board may
20 already be planning a similar project for a March tree-planting event. The committee discussed
21 potentially placing a time capsule during the Fourth of July celebration instead. A Constitution-
22 themed 5K around Constitution Day in September also received support, possibly in partnership
23 with the Rotary Club, which already has race equipment and experience. Other ideas included
24 mural or mosaic public art and service projects designed to engage multiple generations. Members
25 also noted the importance of coordinating with state programs such as the “Walk 250” and “Read
26 250” initiatives and checking neighboring cities’ plans to avoid duplication. Chair Hall planned to
27 send the survey to absent members and staff for additional input, with the goal of assigning project
28 leads soon so planning can move forward quickly.
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30 **ADJOURNMENT**
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32 At 7:55 p.m., Tyson Creamer made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Andy Loosle
33 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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37 Jennifer Robison
38 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

04/14/2026
Date Approved

