



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Members Present	Ted Maestas Daren Rasmussen Brian Plamondon Sunshine Szedeli
Member Excused	Kimberlee Bird
City Staff Present	Jeff Martin, Parks, and Recreation Director Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chairperson Brian Miller who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Daren motioned to approve the minutes of May 13, 2026, Sunshine seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

FUN DAYS REPORT

Jeff provided a presentation prepared by Rowan Coates detailing Murray City's participation in America's 250th Celebration.

The City received federal grant funding to support activities associated with the Fun Days Celebration. The first qualifying event was a tree-planting project held on April 24, during which volunteers planted approximately 70 trees throughout the park.

Additional events connected to the America 250 celebration include:

- An American Flag Jigsaw Puzzle Competition hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department was held on May 16.
- A Movies in the Pool event scheduled for July 10 featuring Captain America.
- The America 250 logo has been added on all event materials and flyers.

- The Cottontails Writing Contest, hosted by the Cultural Arts Department, which encouraged students to write "The Next Great American Classic."
- Amphitheater concert performances featuring tribute bands honoring iconic American artists, including Linda Ronstadt, Tina Turner, and the Allman Brothers.
- The completion of a LEGO build modeled after Murray City's historic City Hall, which will be displayed at the Murray Museum during July festivities.
- Fun Days staff shirts featuring the America 250 celebration logo on the back.

These activities represent several of the City's efforts to recognize and celebrate America's 250th anniversary throughout the year.

GRANTS REPORT (TRCC, SLCO RECREATION BOND, ZAP)

Jeff informed the Board that Murray City is once again applying for a TRCC grant. The funding request is for approximately \$350,000, which would cover half of the total cost of the proposed Ninja Course project. If awarded, the funding is anticipated to become available during the next fiscal year.

Jeff also reported that the City recently received \$40,000 in funding for lighting improvements along the Jordan River Parkway, from Germania Park to Arrowhead Park.

Additionally, the City has applied for Salt Lake County Recreation Bond funding to support the Outdoor Pool Project. The request is for matching funds of approximately \$10 million, representing half of the project's estimated \$20 million total cost.

Jeff shared that the Cultural Arts Department received ZAP funding. This grant will provide financial assistance for participants interested in attending Drama Camp, helping make the program more accessible for those who wish to participate.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The outdoor pool is now open for the season, while our indoor aquatic facility is undergoing a major remodel throughout the month of June. New tile is being installed in the pool locker room restrooms, showers, and changing areas. Due to this renovation, the indoor leisure pool has been temporarily closed.

During the closure, staff have taken advantage of the downtime to complete several maintenance projects that would normally occur during the annual August shutdown. These projects include draining the leisure pool, re-caulking expansion joints and pool edges, cleaning the play structure and tile surrounding the lazy river, and performing a thorough cleaning and detailing of the water slide. Additionally, the slide staircase has several rusted risers that are being replaced and upgraded.

The Amphitheater's summer season begins on Friday, June 12, with the opening of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

The theater continues to perform well, although its schedule is somewhat lighter while the parking lot renovation project is underway. Improvements include the installation of new parking stalls and required landscaping. The Murray City Power Department will also install parking lot lighting using fixtures already on hand.

Last weekend, comedian Kristin Key performed at the theater, and both shows sold out.

The golf course continues to operate successfully.

The Parks Division addressed a well issue at Willow Pond Park that resulted in a two-week loss without irrigation water.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Park Office on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kristine Jones