

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held Tuesday, September
2 8, 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 Andy Loosle
8 Aaron Getz
9 Clint Warnick
10 Tiffany Rees
11 Brooke Johnson (arrived at 7:08 pm)
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13 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

14 Tyson Creamer
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16 **STAFF PRESENT**

17 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
18 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
19 Gina Hirst, City Council Liaison
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21 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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

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29 Chair Hall and Haley Turner reported on preparations to recognize the Delahunty family
30 and O'Brien Auto Glass for their contributions to the community, including O'Brien Auto Glass's
31 donation of the City mural. Both honorees confirmed they would attend the September 15, 2026
32 City Council meeting, where the Committee planned to present recognition gifts. Gift baskets were
33 being assembled which would include gift cards, various Centerville-themed items, and potentially
34 complimentary event tickets from CenterPoint Theatre. Both honorees would also be invited to the
35 City's volunteer appreciation dinner.
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37 The Committee also discussed the status of the time capsule from the Fourth of July
38 celebration and noted that letters from City Council members had not yet been received. Members
39 planned to remind Councilmembers at the upcoming Council meeting. To encourage participation,
40 the Committee suggested providing simple prompts asking Councilmembers to describe what they
41 envisioned Centerville looking like in 50 years. Chair Hall agreed to provide suggested prompts
42 to staff for inclusion in the packet.
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44 **PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION**
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Chair Hall reported that the Committee had made substantial progress on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with six of the City's seven parks visited and assessed by Committee members. Observations and photographs had been compiled into the working master plan document, with Island View Park remaining to be assessed. Chair Hall noted that the document was being cleaned up and reformatted, including a visual coding system to distinguish existing content, AI-assisted language, and newly revised material. A consistent theme identified across the park assessments was the lack of shade, which also ranked as the highest community priority in the master plan survey.

Individual Park Reports - Committee members presented observations from their respective park visits:

Pocket Park

The Pocket Park functions primarily as a detention basin with no playground amenities, and is largely unknown to residents.

Smith Park

Smith Park's playground was noted as well-maintained but undersized, with trash receptacles clustered at the pavilion. A walking path was identified as a desirable addition.

Smoot Park

Aaron Getz described Smoot Park as one of Centerville's most popular parks. He recommended a walking trail around the large west-side grass area and improved access to the stream through steps or cleared access points. Bruce Cox explained that stream improvements would require coordination with the County and State.

Freedom Hills Park

Tiffany Rees reported that residents valued the trails at Freedom Hills Park but expressed concerns about Clayton Christian Academy's rugby team regularly occupying the main field without reservations, as well as related parking issues. Residents also raised concerns about disc golf holes located near the walking path, broken pavilion lights, pine trees near neighboring homes, and the need for larger or additional playground equipment at both Freedom Hills and Porter Walton Parks. Rees also observed the absence of traditional trash cans. Bruce Cox explained the City's decision to replace individual park trash cans with dumpsters during the COVID-19 period, which had reduced litter and maintenance costs.

Community Park

Andy Loosle noted that Community Park is heavily used throughout the day, with walking and dog walking being the most observed activities. Pickleball courts, while well-surfaced and well-lit, were not occupied during the observation visit. Shade at the park remains insufficient and

1 is a planned but as-yet-unfunded improvement. Bruce Cox confirmed that bids have been secured
2 for two new restrooms to be installed near the small pavilion on the west side of the park.
3 Additional needs identified included more lighting to support evening activities, and electrical
4 access along the pathway to facilitate food truck events and Fourth of July vendors. Andy proposed
5 the southwest retention area of Community Park as a potential dog park site, noting it would benefit
6 from existing foot traffic in the area.

7 8 **Dog Park Discussion** 9

10 The Committee discussed whether to include a dog park in the Parks and Recreation Master
11 Plan, noting that approximately 34 percent of survey respondents expressed interest, ranking it
12 third among community priorities. They discussed concerns regarding maintenance, surface
13 materials, demand, and long-term utilization, noting that grass is difficult to maintain in a dog park
14 and that alternative surfaces such as dirt, rock, or mulch may not meet all users' expectations.
15 Members also noted that dogs are permitted on leashes in existing City parks and that off-leash
16 use is common on mountain trails. The southwest retention area of Community Park was discussed
17 as a potential location due to its proximity to existing park users and potential for passive
18 supervision. No formal decision was made, but the Committee agreed that a dog park should
19 remain under consideration as part of the Master Plan.
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21 **Wayfinding and Signage** 22

23 Aaron Getz presented a proposal for citywide wayfinding and park signage, inspired by
24 directional signage he observed in Rexburg, Idaho. He suggested placing informational kiosks or
25 signs at each park identifying available amenities and directing visitors to other City parks, as well
26 as adding directional signs along major corridors such as Main Street and Parrish Lane to help
27 residents locate parks that may be less familiar to them. Haley Turner noted that the forthcoming
28 South Davis Greenway could provide an additional opportunity to incorporate park wayfinding
29 and create connections between the greenway and individual parks.
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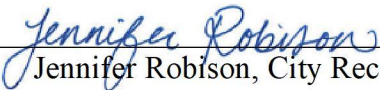
31 **Trail Connectivity** 32

33 Bruce Cox discussed opportunities to improve trail connectivity throughout Centerville,
34 including ongoing County improvements along Porter Lane and a planned box culvert project that
35 would create an approximately eight-foot-wide pathway connecting Frontage Road to Main Street.
36 He suggested that a future connection from this corridor toward Island View Park and the
37 Bonneville Shoreline Trail could create a significant east-west trail link. The Committee also
38 discussed planned pedestrian crossings of Legacy Highway near Porter Lane and Community Park
39 that would connect to the Legacy Trail and ultimately the Jordan River Trail system. Aaron Getz
40 expressed support for making Centerville more bike-friendly, and the Committee generally agreed
41 that improving connectivity between parks and trails should be a priority in the Master Plan.
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43 Chair Hall thanked members for completing their park assessments and noted that the field
44 observations had been valuable in refining the Master Plan.
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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., Tiffany Rees made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brooke Johnson seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

10/13/2026
Date Approved

