

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE ACTION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M. AT 118 ARIZONA ST., IN THE CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER BY: **Kay Lynn Cummins** AT: **5:32 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>
Kay Lynn Cummins/Chair	<u>X</u>		
Tracy D'Arcangelo	<u>X</u>		
Deborah Young	<u>X</u>		
Bert Whitehead IV	<u>X</u>		
Debra Sampson	<u>X</u>		
Patricia Damon, Council Liaison	<u>X</u>		
Matthew Gurney, City Liaison	<u>X</u>		
Logan Dodd, City Liaison			<u>X</u>

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: *None*

THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, AND/OR DECIDED UPON DURING THIS MEETING:

APPROVAL OF ACTION AGENDA:

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2026.

MOTION: **Deborah Young**

SECOND: **Kay Lynn Cummins**

APPROVED: **ALL**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on the pool.
Staff provided an update on how the pool season has been progressing. A question was raised regarding whether revenue generated from attendance fees could be used to pay lifeguards and extend the pool season.
2. Discussion on the status of Tree City USA
Staff explained to the new members what the Tree City USA program is and why the city participates in it. Staff also explained that participation can help the city qualify for future grant opportunities, as well as provide funding assistance for certain staff training programs.
3. Discussion on the Backyard Project
The Science Center provided an update on the Backyard Project and its current status.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and review of the parks survey for the high school.
It was discussed that a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee would contact the National Honor Society and inquire about participating on the city's Youth Committee. Staff also stated that they would reach out to the high school to determine whether the Parks and Recreation survey could be distributed through the school's email blast to all high school students, encouraging them to complete the survey.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Bert Whitehead asked whether the issues with the Vista Park sprinklers had been resolved. Matthew Gurney responded that anyone interested in volunteering should contact Josh. Mr. Whitehead also inquired about the issue of individuals sleeping in front of the park restrooms. Staff noted that the Police Department should be locking the restrooms each night at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Whitehead commented that Vista Park looks fantastic. Councilmember Damon asked whether additional Parks Department employees would be hired, considering the increased maintenance needs resulting from monsoon season growth and the department's involvement in the Backyard Project. Kay Lynn Cummins remarked that City Hall looks great and complimented the landscaping work completed by Doug. Questions were raised regarding signage for Higgins Park and Dr. Robert's Rose Garden. Matthew Gurney stated that the Higgins Park signs have been received but have not yet been installed. Josh White reported that the design for the Dr. Robert's Rose Garden sign has been completed, but the sign has not yet been ordered. Staff also noted that Bloomers will be visiting Saginaw Park to evaluate potential new trees and shrubs for planting.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff reported that the restroom renovation projects at Grassy Park, Gore Park, and Vista Park had been completed. Logan Dodd was currently enrolled in the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program, and his primary course project focuses on utilizing the city's effluent water source to fill water tanks for irrigating parks with the greatest need. This approach was intended to improve irrigation efficiency while reducing overall watering costs.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: MEETING ADJOURNED BY: AT: 6:41 p.m.

MOTION: Tracy D'Arcangelo

SECOND: Bert Whitehead

APPROVED: All