



City of Lawton

Parks & Recreation Commission

City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, OK
73501
Banquet Hall

Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

5:30 PM

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Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Terry Brierton, Vince Cambron, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Melissa Shelton, Blake Munoz (non-voting), Kelly Harris (non-voting).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Parks (CED Director) , Kelvin Ingram (P&R Deputy Director) , Dylan Dunavin (Recording Admin).

OTHERS PRESENT: Kirby Brown (Newly Elected Ward 3 Councilmember), Reggie Fisher (Potential Ward 3 Commissioner replacement), Mike Ray (Southwest Ledger).

Reports

1. Parks & Recreation Staff

Kelvin Ingram thanks the commission for their patience and feedback throughout the many positive things happening in Parks and Recreation. He states that the current

date for the Lee West ribbon cutting ceremony is January 19th at 10:30am. Mocine Park improvements are almost complete and look great; Gooch Acres is disassembled. Phase III of park improvements are coming and we are very excited about them. He also states that we are still making great strides with the Prairie Dog efforts and the berm is about halfway complete.

Larry Parks states that the Lee West play unit is ready. We've already taken the fencing down because so many kids have already gotten through the fencing to play. But we still have the splash pad, cameras, parking lot, and lighting to look forward to as well. Phase II of park improvements is wrapping up. Gooch Acres and Mocine are the final parks. The Wading Pools and Clement Washington Splash Pad are getting new pumphouses and improvements to the restrooms, Harmon and 35th is complete. We are just so excited to see these kids playing on the new play units. The next meeting will feature our Recreation Superintendent, Yolanda Allen, who will brief you all on the great things coming up regarding the aquatic season and the Lawton Aquatic Center.

Larry Parks continues by saying he spoke with Kelly Harris regarding the history behind Liberty Lake and Mattie Beal parks, so we want to get them in the improvement phase also. We also swapped Sullivan Park for Harkey Park on phase III of park improvements. It will need to go back to council though, because we want to do a memorial for the Dunbar Elementary School. We will bring that to the next commission meeting. That play unit will fit nicely at Harkey Park as well, you'll get to see that also.

LP continues to say that we have so much going on, and reminds the commission that if they ever have questions regarding code enforcement as well that Mr. Parks would be their contact as well.

LP also states that City Council approved the ordinance regarding the changing of park hours as the daylight changes. As it gets darker earlier, it allows for more vandalism, so we looked at peer cities and agreed that an hour change during the winter is best. Those signs will begin going up in the parks. Also the Greer Park restrooms will be getting a renovation of \$35K worth of upgrades as well as the trail upgrades and lighting.

Linda Neal asks about the prairie dogs and specifically asks David Tyler if he has seen an improvement.

David Tyler responds and says he's seen a major improvement. Even the athletic director at Central Middle School has complimented the change. A difference has been made and the kids can play on their field again. I put a mole repellent in the hole and backfilled it, once it rains it will put out the odor of predator urine to keep them out as well.

David Tyler asks about the area at Ferris and 2nd where Prairie Dogs are, and if it will get any attention since they plan to put in a business there.

Larry Parks responds saying that once we have three straight days of 60 degree weather, we can resume relocation and we will do so.

Michael Scott asks what the enforcement will look like on the new park hours.

Larry Parks responds by saying that LPD has already begun touring and monitoring parks, but our security contract is also due for renegotiation to get 24-hour surveillance to assist in enforcing those hours, because we have so much invested into our parks that we need to protect them.

2. Commission Members

Michael Scott calls for commissioner comment, questions and concerns starting with the commissioners to his leftside.

Kelly Harris states that he is glad to hear of the intent to improve Liberty Lake park. He looks forward to seeing the erosion issue resolved as well as the addition of lighting in the park. He states that it has become a location for homeless to gather and unfortunately leave litter. He continues to state that he has had involvement with Freedom Fest and Holiday in the Park, so he is excited to join the Parks and Recreation commission. He also states that he is excited for all upcoming improvements in the park system and that KidZone is phenominal.

Jerry Boone states that he went to different parks in Ward 7 over the holiday break, and people are very excited over the improvements already completed and upcoming improvements.

Vince Cambron states that his household is very excited for the improvements at 35th Division park.

Blake Munoz states that he grew up using Liberty Lake park, so he shares the excitement of Mr. Harris in seeing that park get the improvements that it needs. He also states that he is proud of KidZone and the prairie dog efforts.

Terry Brierton asks if they plan to dredge Liberty Lake with the improvements? Larry Parks responds and says that is the goal, since they will be dredging Lake Helen it would make sense to dredge Liberty Lake also.

David Tyler states that at Chrystal Hills park, he saw kids picking up litter. He's glad that people are taking pride in the park knowing that improvements are coming soon.

Linda Neal states that this is her final meeting as her term is ending. She thanks the Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts.

Kirby Brown asks if he may say something, Michael Scott approves. Mr. Brown introduces Mr. Reggie Fisher as his nominee to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Neal's term ending. Mr. Fisher's appointment is pending City Council approval.

Michael Scott thanks Linda Neal for her service to the commission.

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Welcome new alternate commission member, Kelly Harris.

Michael Scott introduces Kelly Harris as the new alternate #2 commissioner. Much like Blake Munoz (alternate commissioner #1), Mr. Harris will only have a vote if he is needed to make a quorum.

Audience Participation

Anyone who has an item of business to present to the commission that does not appear on the agenda please come forward.

Unfinished Business

Business Items

3. Consider approving the minutes from the November 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting.

MOTION by Dennis Clippinger; SECOND by Linda Neal

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Melissa Shelton, Terry Brierton, Vince Cambron

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES

Adjournment

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MOTION by Mike Pollard; SECOND by Linda Neal

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Melissa Shelton, Vince Cambron, Terry Brierton

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES - MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:03pm