



City of Lawton

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

Parks & Recreation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

5:30 PM

Banquet Hall - Lawton City
Hall

"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Commission may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Commission may also propose and enact floor amendments to any matter presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Commission may refer the matter to City Staff. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely."

Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Melissa Shelton, Blake Munoz (non-voting)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Brierton, Vince Cambron.

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.

Reports

1. Parks and Recreation staff.

Larry Parks states that we have been working on and completed the TSET grant for Parks & Recreation, Trails, and Health & Wellness. Staff has worked very hard on this grant, and we look forward to seeing what we can get in a couple of months. This could even include some BMX trails that could link up in parks so you can ride through the city. There's a lot that this could help us accomplish.

Larry Parks continues to state that we have relocated 422 prairie dogs, and plan to relocate another 150. We wanted to do that last week, but the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife had transportation issues. We are planning for the upcoming construction,

because that is when they come out and start relocating themselves. We are going to attempt to get them moving in one direction and not just a 2-foot berm either. This would have some shrubbery.

Larry Parks continues with park improvements to state that the Lee West play unit is in place, the pour & play surfacing is in place, and there will be lighting going in also, not just at Lee West but at KidZone as well. The old unit has been removed from Mocine Park. It is currently digging for the new unit and will have regular surfacing with mulch. New facilities at the wading pools and splashpads and the pump houses will be replaced with upgrades to restrooms as well. KidZone will be getting an upgraded restroom soon. We are awaiting all the stainless steel to come in. Gooch Acres and 35th Division are the last of round two improvements to be completed. City Council has approved round three of improvements. I owe you the slides to show you the next 8 parks. Crystal Hills and Mattie Beal will be next. We are researching skate parks as a potential for Mattie Beal, as well as a huge play unit and restroom. Some parks may get wildflower areas, trails, more natural and green areas. The boardwalk and amphitheater are on the way to Elmer Thomas Park. Parks and Recreation is moving in the right direction. We are roughly 42% complete on the whole picture of park improvements. Lee West was approved for a splash pad, and we are doing research for a restroom also.

Dennis Clippinger asks if the parking lot at Lee West will stay granite.

- LP says no it will not; the granite is temporary.

Linda Neal asks how often the restrooms are cleaned?

- LP states that the goal is twice daily. However, sometimes the workload on the staff prevents that.

Michael Scott, Linda Neal and Mike Pollard take a moment to commend KidZone.

Michael Scott asks about the lakes.

- Larry Parks states that the lake was awarded \$2.3M for renovation. We demoed some of the old facilities. We put in a 400K bathroom with showers and several stalls. A lot of the trash bins were replaced, we demoed the old dry stalls, we are going out to bid to rebuild all of that. The last thing is that Ralph's Resort is being renovated. He wants to bring back the little barndominiums and improve the little store as well as the wet stalls.

2. Commission Members

Michael Scott introduces Blake Munoz as the new alternate commission member. He explains that this position does not have a voting voice unless activated due to not

having a quorum.

Reginald Seaton commends Parks and Recreation for the progress being made regarding improvements.

Dennis Clippinger asks when Lee West will open?

- Kelvin Ingram responds that there is a very tentative goal of November 26th.
 - Larry Parks adds that the date of November 26th will be pushed back, but the park is very close to completion.

Mike Pollard also commends the progress made by Parks and Recreation.

Linda Neal commends the Parks and Recreation division for not only the updates being made to the parks, but the efforts made regarding prairie dogs.

David Tyler states that he is impressed with the direction that Parks and Recreation is heading. He continues to say that so many young families who move here will be happy with the upgraded parks throughout the city.

Blake Munoz states that he is thankful to be part of the commission and able to be involved. He also states that he is thankful that the handprints at KidZone stayed in place.

Audience Participation

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

Michael Scott asks Mr. Kirby Brown if he had any questions, comments or concerns for the commission or staff. Mr. Brown stated that he did not have anything at this time.

Unfinished Business

Business Items

3. Consider approving the minutes from the September 16th, 2025 Special Meeting.

MOTION by Linda Neal; SECOND by David Tyler

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Melissa Shelton.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. Consider approving the 2026 Annual Meeting Notice.

MOTION by Dennis Clippinger; SECOND by Mike Pollard

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Melissa Shelton.

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.

NAYS: None

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