



GRINNELL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR  
SESSION MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, AT 5:00 PM  
IN THE BOARDROOM AT THE DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## MINUTES

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### 1. Roll Call:

Russ Crawford, Whitney Jensen, Lauren Gant, Ralph Eyberg, Lee Staroska, Lisa Lindley, Matt Moyer, and Jordan Allsup.

Guests: Adrienne Hardin, Tim Ellsworth, Joe Bagnoli

### 2. Approve Agenda: At 5:00pm Staroska made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Moyer to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.

### 3. Approval of Minutes:

A. April 14, 2026- Gant made the motion, second by Lindley, to approve the April 14, 2026, meeting minutes. AYES: All. Motion carried.

### 4. Committee Business:

- A. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2025-2026 fiscal year
- Parks and Cemetery Vegetation – Eyberg- No update. No action necessary.
  - Arbor Lake/Lake Nyanza- Allsup- On May 5<sup>th</sup> the first of two public houses was completed on the lakes restoration project in partnership with the Iowa DNR Lake Restoration Program. Allsup stated it went over very well with a full room of community members who were very interested in the project. The second open house will be closer to when the engineered plans are at 90 percent complete. No action necessary.
  - Master Plan Implementation- No update. No action necessary.
- B. Recreation- Rec Soccer season is ending. Summer programming will be starting soon with a new event in Central Park called Movie Night in the Park on the second Friday of June, July, and August. No action necessary.
- C. Aquatics- Preparations for opening the Aquatic Center is underway and should be fully staffed this summer. Opening day is Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. No action necessary.
- D. Girl Scout Tree Planting project — Staroska motioned to approve a tree planting of four trees at Miller Park selected by city staff by the local Girl Scouts. Second by Gant. AYES: all. Motion carried.
- E. Special Event Request — Lindle motioned to approve the rental of Central Park facilities at the appropriate fees for the Ready, Set, Safe special event in Central Park on Saturday, June 20. Second by Eyberg. AYES: all.

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- F. Creatures of Grinnell Scavenger Hunt — Adrienne Hardin presented a program in collaboration with the city and the Arts Council to install temporary signs of Creature of Grinnell for a community wide scavenger hunt. Lindley motioned to approve these signs to be installed in locations at Central Park and Merrill Park aided by City staff. Second by Moyer. AYES: all. Motion carried.
  
- G. Grinnell Bike Network Plan- Tim Ellsworth and Joe Bagnolia presented on behalf of a subcommittee of Poweshiek Economic Development to develop and community-wide bike network plan. Gant made the motion to support this initiative to include trails in city parks and public spaces into this plan. Second by Moyer. AYES: all. Motion carried.

**5. Notes:**

**6. Inquiries:**

- 7. **Adjourn:** Eyberg made the motion at 5:53pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Staroska. AYES: All. Motion carried.

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Parks and Recreation Director  
Jordan Allsup