

SAINT CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD
April 1, 2026

The meeting was **Called to Order** by Sandy Bichel at 6:00pm in the American Legion Room in Memorial Hall. **Roll Call** noted the following present for the meeting:

Board Joshua Allen, Sandy Bichel, Tim Glosier Larry Muench, Brian Scheidegger, Anna Shy, and Council Liaison Denise Mitchell were present.

Kathy Mudrovic, Anne Zerr and TJ Slattery were absent.

Staff Maralee Britton – Director, Chris Atkinson- Assistant Director,

Other Mary Ann Ohms – Assistant City Attorney, Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, Councilperson Otto, Councilperson Hollander, Councilperson Galba.

Jay Wohlschlaeger – SWT Design, Scott Runde – SWT Design, Lori Badalamenti – Navigate Building Solutions, Brad Pierce – Introba.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Legacy Farms Park Phase 1 Project Update

The consultant team presented the Phase 1 overall site plan. The design team is currently at 75% construction documents. They presented more detailed images of the family play area, pump track, the park buildings (restroom and shelter) and the stormwater and disc golf area. Some highlights are 92 parking spaces, 4 distinct playground areas, 150-person park shelter, 3 family restroom building, modular bicycle pump track, 0.6-mile trail loop around Phase 1, connection to existing sidewalks/trails in area and an 18-hole disc golf course.

The project has been refined and currently meets the \$5,000,000 construction budget for Phase 1. Future milestones include:

Planning & Zoning Presentation – May 11, 2026

Bid out construction – May-June 2026

Board approval of construction contract – July 15, 2026

Project Construction – July 2026 – Spring 2027

Images from the presentation will be released to the public in the days following the meeting.

Mayor Borgmeyer asked about the distance of the park trail that runs along Highway B from the roadway. Something to consider if Highway B were to expand to 3 or 4 lanes from its current 2 lane configurations.

Councilperson Galba asked about the tunnel area in the playground. Excited about that element.

5. Contract with Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. for the purchase and install of a replacement slide on the Blanchette Park playground in an amount not to exceed \$22,738.73*

Atkinson presented the information. The slide is 21 years old. Damaged and has been blocked off. No longer can get replacement parts. 3 options. 1. Replace with similar metal option is expensive and takes several months. 2. Replace with standard plastic slide. Less expensive and can be done in shorter timeline. 3. Replace with a play panel. Different/less play experience. Staff recommends proceeding with option 2.

Muench made a motion to approve the contract; seconded by Scheidegger. Motion Passed.

6. Adopt a Park (Board Member observations pertinent to facilities, programs and services within the System)

Muench – Good. Asked staff to provide an update to those in attendance about the Rau Garden Project and the Maibaum Pole Project.

Atkinson laid out the Rau Garden project including upgrading the drainage and pathways while also adding a small gazebo and adding new plants and flowers. He stated that the work could not begin until June 1 due to a wedding rental in the garden at the end of May.

The footing for the Maibaum Pole was poured by the contractor. Next steps are backfilling of the excavation, pouring of paver boundary, paths, walls and drainage. Goal is to be substantially complete by July 1 before large festivals.

Glosier – Good.

Allen – Good.

Bichel – Good. Asked about better access to fields 5 & 6 at McNair Day Camp and also asked staff to look into possible charging for baseball/softball practice and allowing teams on the fields earlier in the year for practice. Staff said they would investigate.

Shy – Good.


Scheidegger - Good


Council Liaison Mitchell – Good. Said Christmas lights in trees in Frontier Park were removed by Public Works. Also said she has been asked about putting a playground in Frontier Park. Finally updated the Board that the Hackmann Stormwater Project has begun and first step was removing several trees from the section of Wapelhorst Park that will be impacted by the project. This project is estimated to take approx. 1 year to complete.

As there was no further business to discuss Shy moved for **Adjournment** at 7.11 pm;
Seconded by Scheidegger. Motion passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,


Sandy Bichel - President


Anna Shy - Secretary