Marion County Parks And Recreation Commission

_May 18th, 2026__ – Regular Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM CVB Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	STAFF PRESENT:
Jay Ford, President	Tony Michalski, Director
Robert Brookover, Vice Pres.	
J. Philip Burton, Treasurer	GUESTS:
Cathy Maxwell	
Frank Moore	
Dave Shaw	

I. Opening of the meeting and approval of minutes

The meeting was called to order at __5:59__p.m. by _Jay Ford__(President).

The motion was made by _Cathy Maxwell__ and seconded by _Frank Moore__ for the **approval of the minutes** for __April 15th , 2026_. Motion Carried ____X_____ Motion Denied _____

II. Financial Report for __April 2026_____

Phil Burton asked about our cash position for the summer. Tony stated that we are a little low. We received our levy check for May and it was $130,000 which puts us above 2 million YTD on the levy line item. Cash on hand is around $380,000. We will have to watch our spending in July and August. We have one more levy check that we will receive in June. Bob Brookover asked when our $50,000 allotment to Mannington is paid for their pool. Tony stated that we distribute that in the Fall and we have two more payments remaining. Frank Moore asked what if the levy did not pass. Tony stated that we would have to put it on the ballot again in November and we do not have a back up plan. Fortunately, we did get over 80% approval last month and that is the highest percentage we have had. Bob asked about the credit card purchases. Tony stated what the purchases on the card were and why we use the card at times instead of writing checks. We try not to use the card if possible but there are some items that it is much easier to use the card especially if we are on a timeline and cannot wait for the credit application to be approved. We also use credit cards for our MCPARC trip program. Jay Ford asked that we continue to bring the credit statement to the meetings for review. Tony agreed and will include the itemized bill in the packets.

The motion was made by __Frank Moore__ and seconded by _Bob Brookover __ for the **financial report and invoices** for _April 2026___. Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied _____

III. Committee Reports

a. Program and Planning
b. Finance
c. Nominating
d. Personnel

IV. Director's Report

a. MCPARC Levy: MCPARC received over 80% approval for the levy, and it overwhelmingly passed. We are very pleased with the results, and it is attributed to all the good work by the MCPARC staff.

b. MCPARC Luncheon: MCPARC held an informative lunch meeting at FSU on Wednesday, April 22nd. Attendance was low but it was an informative lunch and MCPARC gave a power point presentation on current and future projects. Dave Shaw suggested that next time everyone should be able to give a presentation. Cathy Maxwell stated that maybe we would have better attendance if we did the next one in the evening.

The motion was made by __Dave Shaw__ and seconded by _Phil Burton__ for the MCPARC Board to go into Executive Session ___. Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied_____

The motion was made by __Dave Shaw__ and seconded by _Phil Burton__ for the MCPARC Board to come out of Executive Session ___. Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied_____

c. MCPARC Seasonal Hiring: We are in the process of hiring and training all our seasonal employees for both pools, day camp and the MCPARC playground program. A total of around 90 seasonal employees to be hired.

d. FEMA Update: Still waiting to receive the $33,000 in FEMA funds from last year's Father's Day flood.

e. West Fork River Trail Debris Removal: Reclaim has stated that the debris pile has increased in size since the awarding of the bid. They are re-evaluating and will be sending us an increased cost estimate. I am checking with the state and the county to see if we need to re-bid the project.

f. Pickleball Court Construction: Pickleball court construction is complete there are still some finishing touches to be completed. We will be holding a grand opening ribbon cutting soon. Bob Brrokover asked about the open fencing on one side, and it may cause mud to get on the court. Tony stated that we can look to add additional fencing in the fall.

g. Wave Pool Project Update: The waves are big and functional. Technology has improved a lot since we last upgraded the waves twenty-five years ago. We can do eight different wave patterns. We have decided to rotate between the bigger double diamond waves and the smaller tsunami roll-out waves.

h. Central Terrace: The MCPARC maintenance staff have completed the upgrades to the central terrace building. The new covered seating area added an additional 40-50 seats and will better accommodate the bigger numbers at the MCPARC Day Camp.

V. Sports Management Director Report

The Sports Management report is enclosed with the board packets.
Tony stated what an excellent job Tina is doing and that when she is out of town she still works, answering emails and returning calls.

VI. Maintenance Report:

Maintenance submitted their report which included numerous projects, grass cutting, field maintenance, trail clean-up, and general maintenance at all parks. Tony stated that we have a good group of seasonals. We hired enough seasonal maintenance to have two mow crews this year.

VII. New Business: Tony showed the new America 250 flags that will be going up soon to celebrate the July 4th – 250th Holiday.

VIII. President's Remarks:.

IX. Around the Horn

a. **J. Bledsoe** – absent
b. **R. Brookover** – no comment
c. **P. Burton** –no comment
d. **T. Evans** – absent
e. **J. Ford** – Thanked MCPARC for completing the pickleball project. Thank you to the MCPARC staff for the passing of the levy and Happy Birthday to Tina.
f. **R. Garcia** – absent
g. **C. Maxwell** – no comment
h. **F. Moore** – no comment
i. **J. Rice** - absent
j. **D. Shaw** – no comment
k. **C. White** – absent

With no further business, the motion was made by __Phil Burton____ and seconded by _Frank Moore___ for meeting adjournment at __6:33pm__ PM. The motion carried.

_Tony Michalski _____MCPARC Director_____June 10th, 2026___

Minutes Recorded By (Signature) Title Date

Approved/ Disapproved Initials Date