

Marion County Parks And Recreation Commission

September 15th, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM CVB Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Jay Ford, President
Robert Brookover, Vice Pres.
Craig White, Secretary
J. Philip Burton, Treasurer
Jimmy Bledsoe
Tracy Evans
Rick Garcia
Frank Moore
Dave Shaw

STAFF

PRESENT:

Tony Michalski, Director

GUESTS:

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 _Dave Shaw__ and seconded by _Rick Garcia__ for the **approval of the minutes** for __August 18th, 2025_. Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied _____

II. Financial Report for __July 2025_____

Discussion was held, Phil Burton asked about the cash flow. Tony stated that we received a levy check last Friday in the amount of \$585,000. Also stated that we have not received the annual allotment from the BOE yet. Bob Brookover asked about the Pepsi bill and Tony explained it was for the Pepsi products sold at both pools. Bob Brookover asked about the Truist bill and Tony stated that it is our credit cards that used primarily for online purchases and bus trips.

The motion was made by __Craig White__ and seconded by _Dave Shaw__ for the **financial report and invoices** for _August 2025___. 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, the Transit Authority and the Library will be attending the September 24th County Commission meeting to request that the levy's be placed on the May 2026 ballot. It will be a continuation of the existing levy rates for all three agencies. Tony distributed the 101 reasons to vote for the MCPARC levy.

The motion was made by __Dave Shaw__ and seconded by _Rick Garcia__ for MCPARC to request that the County Commission place the MCPARC levy on the ballot for the May 2026 election ____.
Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied _____

Jay Ford stated that a lot of the board members are active in many civic groups, and it would be a good time to get Tony and Tina on some agendas to speak about the levy.

- b. ADG Contract for the Wave Pool Upgrades: Tony discussed the proposed contract with ADG to update the MCPARC Wave Pool wave making equipment. Tony also stated that the County Commission has agreed to give us a one-year hiatus on the loan payments for the Mary Lou Retton Park renovations which frees up enough funds to do both the pickle ball project and the wave upgrades. The only other company on the east coast that does this type of installation is the Great Wave Company that we used in 2001 and there is no comparison between the products. A discussion was held on the specifics of the contract. Bob Brookover expressed his concerns with the workers' room and board in the contract. Tony stated he will discuss that with ADG before signing the contract.

The motion was made by __Dave Shaw__ and seconded by _Craig White __ To approve signing the ADG contract for the Wave Pool upgrades ____.
Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied _____

- c. Koon's Run Park: A meeting was held with the owners of Koon's Run Park on August 22nd to discuss details on the proposed donation of the Koon's Run Park to MCPARC. Jarod Devault recommended that a survey is completed on the property. There are some right of way stipulations that will be addressed in the survey.

The motion was made by __Dave Shaw__ and seconded by _Bob Brookover__ To approve that MCPARC hires Piggott and Associates to complete the survey of Koon's Run Park____.
Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied _____

- d. Pool report: The financial summary for both pools will be distributed at the October board meeting.
- e. East Marion Pickle Ball Court Project: We are in the process of completing the prep work for the pickleball courts. We were delayed somewhat by the sewage line replacement issues at East Marion Park. The details of the project were discussed, we are on schedule to open the courts next spring.
- f. County Commission Playground Project: The County Commission is donating money to several groups across the county for playground improvements and funneling that money through MCPARC. Two playgrounds have been ordered by MCPARC for Farmington and Barrackville.
- g. Proposed Bunner's Ridge Right of Way: A proposed right of way agreement was requested by neighbors at Bunner's Ridge. The board said it is not appropriate at this

point to grant any right of ways. Phil Burton stated the right of way would be extremely invasive.

The motion was made by __ Dave Shaw__ and seconded by __ Bob Brookover __ to not grant a right of way at this time on the Bunner's Ridge property until we decide how we are to develop the property__ Motion Carried __X____ Motion Denied _____

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 even when she is out of town she still is working, 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.

VII. New Business: Tony noted that we had a meeting with the County Commission at the Korean War Memorial to discuss improvements to the site before Veteran's Day. Flags have been ordered. Benches and a garbage can have also been ordered and the County Commission is paying the invoices.

VIII. President's Remarks: Jay Ford complemented the MCPARC maintenance staff on all their work on the sewage replacement.

IX. Around the Horn

- a. **J. Bledsoe** – no comment
- b. **R. Brookover** – asked if teams could use the outfields at some of our fields for soccer practice.
- c. **P. Burton** – thanked Tony and MCPARC for helping with the Seth Burton Memorial Disc Golf Tournament.
- d. **T. Evans** – no comment
- e. **J. Ford** – no comment
- f. **R. Garcia** – asked if we are going to seal the bridge at the soccer complex. Also asked about the progress on the White Hall property.
- g. **C. Maxwell** – absent
- h. **F. Moore** – Compliments to MCPARC that the fields are looking good. Asked about the status of the parking lot at pavilion one.
- i. **J. Rice** - absent
- j. **D. Shaw** – no comment
- k. **C. White** – a note of appreciation to Tony, Tina and the MCPARC crew.

With no further business, the motion was made by __Dave Shaw____ and seconded by _Phil Burton__ for meeting adjournment at __6:53__ PM. The motion carried.

_Tony Michalski _____MCPARC Director_____September 15th, 2025__

Minutes Recorded By (Signature) Title Date

Approved/ Disapproved Initials Date