



**MINUTES OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Tuesday, October 25, 2022 was called to order by Chairperson Sarah Clarke at 5:00 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Roll was called with the following attendance noted.

Members Present: Sarah Clarke, Lauren Darr, Matt Klopmeier, Glenn Melching, Jerod Merz

Members Absent: Kathi Boyer-Edwards, Chris Grode, Becky Hunt, Kara Lamack

Quorum present.

City Staff & Officials Present: Scott Dunakey (Director of Community Development), Mike Sander (Director of Public Works)

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting were submitted for approval.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Darr and seconded by Member Melching to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as submitted. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion of Conducting Capital Fundraising Campaign in Coordination with the Columbia PLAY Foundation.

Mr. Dunakey reported that he had secured a spot on the November 7 PLAY Commission agenda to discuss the potential of partnering on a capital fundraising campaign. Upon discussion, the consensus of the Board was to focus on overall park capital priorities instead of a specific project.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion of Current Policy Restricting Dogs from the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park Walking Trail.

Chairperson Clarke opened by indicating that there had been an extensive social media discussion on the topic recently. She asked for the Board's opinions on the matter. There was general agreement that the current policy restricting dogs should be changed, but that the signs should more assertively inform park patrons of the

responsibility to clean up their dog waste. Mr. Dunakey was asked to draft a policy for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

**7. STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairperson Clark asked the Board for feedback on rescheduling the November meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Upon receiving Board input, Chairperson Clark and Vice-Chairperson Darr agreed to reschedule the November meeting from November 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup> and cancel the December meeting.

**8. ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Clarke entertained a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chairperson Darr and seconded by Member Melching. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

UNAPPROVED