



## PARKS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026  
**LOCATION:** SHERMAN VILLAGE HALL, 401 ST JOHN'S DRIVE, SHERMAN, IL 62684  
**TIME:** 5:30PM  
**TYPE:** PARKS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

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### VILLAGE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Long, Chair; Beth Fox, Trustee; Pam Gray, Trustee

### OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Stratton, Village Administrator, Deputy Clerk

### OPENING

1. Roll Call Vote. Chair Long called for roll call by the Deputy Clerk. All members of the Committee were present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator Stratton led the Committee in Pledge of Allegiance.

### CLERKS REPORT

1. Minutes of January 14, 2026. Deputy Clerk Stratton presented the Committee minutes of the January 14, 2026 Parks & Events Committee. Chair Long requested any changes to the minutes. There being none, Chair Long called for a *Motion to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2026 of the Parks & Events Committee as presented by the Deputy Clerk. Motion by Fox, Second by Gray. Voice Vote. Ayes having it. 3-0. Motion Passed.*

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE (FROM SIGN IN SHEET)

No one was present to address Committee

### COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Playground Installations at Ridge Lake Park & Waldrop Park. Chair Long asked of an update on the installation. Administrator Stratton noted the play systems are to begin installation this week by the vendor.
2. Basketball Court Striping at Ridge Lake Park. Chair Long asked on the status of this project. Administrator Stratton noted a striping vendor is currently reviewing and will provide estimate for work to strip for basketball and for pickleball court area.

3. Softball Dirt at Waldrop. Chair Long asked for update on the dirt for the softball fields as requested by the Sherman Area Softball group. Administrator Stratton noted the dirt was purchased and spread last week by Public Works.
4. Splash Pad – Season Start Up. Chair Long asked when the vendor would be in to open the splash pad for summer operation. Administrator Stratton noted the vendor, Craig Sander of Ideal Play would be in town around the 20<sup>th</sup> to get the system up and running. Chairman Long noted he would like to be in attendance along with Matt Sanderbeck and Sean Bull.
5. Sherman Village Park Pickle Ball Courts Project. Chair Long asked about the update on pickle ball courts for Sherman Village Park. Administrator Stratton noted the project is being divided up into construction segments with the Village serving as General Contractor to save on costs. Administrator Stratton is looking to possible bid some of the project no later than June with a Summer or Fall installation, schedules permitting.
6. Food Court Area. Chairman Long asked about a status report on the food court area. Administrator Stratton noted that the concession containers have been purchased through Harvey Horton’s business and he is currently customizing that also will include a darker color painted to match up with the other structures. Public Works will be scheduled to provide excavation and material spreading for the area in hopes to complete before the start of the Concert Season.
7. Ticketing System. Committee Member Fox asked about the ticketing system change. Administrator Stratton noted that a new ticketing system will be used this year that will provide for much better coverage in the digital media as a widely used platform by many venues. Administrator Stratton noted Sean Bull is working with the new vendor to finalize for prepurchase of tickets. Clover will still be used for Splash pad and concession sales.
8. Concert Schedule. Committee Member Fox asked about the concert series. Administrator Stratton read aloud (no copies given) the 2026 schedule.
9. Sponsorships. Committee Member Fox asked about the sponsorship package as she is ready to push it out to businesses she knows but has not received any information on the sponsor program. Administrator Stratton noted he would email the Committee on the sponsor package.
10. Fireworks Event. Administrator Stratton noted planning is underway with Police, Fire, EMA and public works to prepare the incident plan and layout for the 2026 Fireworks Spectacular.
11. Upcoming Events. Administrator Stratton noted that other events are up and coming in late April and May with the Spring Garage Sales, Clean up Day Event, Shred Event and Electronic Recycle Event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Noone signed in or was present to address Committee

#### **AJOURNMENT:**

Chair Long noted there were no further matters to come before the Committee. Chair Long requested a *Motion to adjourn the public committee meeting. Motion by Trustee Fox; seconded by Trustee Gray. Voice Vote with the Ayes having it 3/0. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.*