

**Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners minutes for the Board Meeting held on
February 26, 2026**

The Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners convened its regular monthly meeting on February 26, 2026

Harry Paidas called the meeting to order at 2:43 pm, declaring a quorum present. Roll call was as follows:

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| Jennifer Mastroianni | Yes |
| Esther Whiteleather | Yes |
| Harry Paidas | Yes |

The staff members present were Kim Cox, Jennifer Baxter, Niki McIlvain, and Chris Zufall.

Esther Whiteleather made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for January 27, 2026. Jennifer Mastroianni seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Speaks: Blaine Lewis, taking the new position as Safety Service Director on April 13, 2026, called Kim Cox to apologize that he could not attend the meeting and will be looking forward to working with and meeting everyone.

Communications:

- No letters addressed to the Board
- No Memorandums
- No minutes of any subcommittee meetings

Administrative Reports Issued

Silver Park & Butler Rodman:

- Chris Zufall presented the report, and it was entered into the minutes

Cemetery:

- Chris Zufall presented the report, and it was entered into the minutes

Butler Rodman & Athletic Fields:

- Chris Zufall presented the report, and it was entered into the minutes

Marketing/Rec Programming:

- Niki McIlvain presented the report, and it was entered into the minutes

General Administration:

- Kim Cox presented the report, and it was entered into the minutes

Resolutions: No Resolutions needed

Readings: No readings were needed

New Business: Motion to approve proposals for funding in 2026 from the Klusch Foundation, ODNR Grant Application, and the Aultman Foundation

- Niki McIlvain handed out a breakdown of each donation and where the funding will be distributed.
 1. Klusch Family Foundation funding of \$250,000 for Butler Rodman Park will replace and repair backstops, fencing, the concession stand, roadways, and pavilions, and install batting cages, with equipment maintenance. It will be done in 4 phases. Harry Paidas added that the foundation was established by John and Roene Klush. John was on the Hot Stove League board. Scott Whetstone, a University of Mount Union graduate and the Klusch's accountant, founded the 415 group and has since retired. Harry Paidas approached Scott Whetstone with a wish list from Scott Davis outlining all the updates and repairs at Butler. Scott Whetstone saw Phase I and was very interested. He also suggested thinking bigger and possibly using matching funds for the \$250,000.
 2. ODNR Funds of a \$500,000 grant application, if it gets approved, will be in 2 phases with \$250,000 going towards Butler Rodman Park enhancements as well as pickleball courts & water feature. The ODNR \$250,000 will possibly be going towards the pool replacement at the Robertson Community Pool (RCC)
 3. The Aultman Foundation, with a donation of \$75,000, will install a fitness park at Maple Beach Park.
- The projects are all privately funded, and the most the Parks have ever received from the ODNR grant application has been \$250,000, the Chamber of Commerce has opened it up to the entire community to apply for the grant.
 - Jennifer Mastroianni made a motion to approve proposals for funding from the Klusch Foundation for \$250,000, the ODNR grant application funding for \$500,000 to be done in 2 phases, and the Aultman Foundation for \$75,000. Esther

Whiteleather seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Nothing to report

Travel Requests: Nothing to report

Disbursements: The expense spreadsheet from January 1, 2026, to February 26, 2026, was distributed.

Employment: No new hires or re-hires

Other or Miscellaneous Business: No other business

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, 2:30 pm at Silver Park Office

Adjournment: Jennifer Mastroianni made a motion to adjourn, Esther Whiteleather seconded, all in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm



HARRY PAIDAS, President



JENNIFER MASTROIANNI, Vice President