

MIDLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026
MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

PROPOSED MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Nancy Carney.

Pledge of Allegiance

- 2) Roll Call:

1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Billotti, Carney, LeVasseur, McCoy, Secrease
2. MEMBERS ABSENT: Bartle, Beck, Rankin, Sovereign
3. OTHER(S) PRESENT: Marcie Post, Parks and Recreation Director; Nick Wing, Recreation Manager; Brianne Swailes, Horticulturist

- 3) Minutes of December 3, 2025: McCoy motioned, Secrease seconded to receive minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

- 4) Call to Audience: None

- 5) Introduction of Horticulturist, Brianne Swailes: Marcie introduced Brianne Swailes who moved to Midland from the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Brianne said a few words about being excited to be in Midland.

- 6) Plymouth Pool Starting Block Donation: Post presented the Plymouth Pool Starting Block donation that went to City Council in January. Plymouth Pool underwent a major renovation in 2025; however, the scope of that project did not include the replacement of the pool's starting blocks, as it was anticipated that the existing blocks would continue to be utilized. Near the completion of the renovation, it was determined that the original starting blocks were not compatible with the updated pool design. Starting blocks are a critical component for competitive swimming, providing athletes with a safe and effective means of water entry during both practices and swim meets.

Following the completion of the renovation, the Parks and Recreation Department was approached by the Dolphins Swim Club, a long-standing user group and valued partner at Plymouth Pool, with an offer to contribute funding toward the purchase of new starting blocks.

The total cost of the project is \$49,639.00. The Dolphins have agreed to pay \$28,115 which is one-half of the base bid and the adjustable foot chocks (an amenity of the starting blocks) and for add-ons such as powder-coated frames, custom color tops, etc. The City of Midland will fund the remaining portion using the remaining available funds from the Plymouth Pool renovation project.

Since our December 2025 meeting, Marcie Post took this donation to City Council to amend our general fund budget in the amount of the donation and to accept the bid from Baruzzini Construction company to purchase and install new starting blocks.

- 7) Recreation Update. Nick Wing presented information on the Grand Experience and the upcoming Cardboard Sled Races on Saturday, February 7. Nick shared with the Commission that the Grand Experience filled in eight days. In 2026, the City will take 85 rooms worth of people to the Island, September 1-4.

8) Project Reports:

1. City Forest Tree Clearing Update: Post shared that the tree clearing project that was to take place at Midland City Forest was significantly less than originally anticipated and only approximately 25 trees will be removed from the corner of Midland City Forest. Post stated that work was underway at the airport but that it had not started at the City Forest. In the meantime, the Parks and Recreation Department did close down the southeast entrance of Midland City Forest.
2. 2025 Year-in-Review: Post shared a small year in review to culminate the major initiatives and interesting projects that were completed by the Parks and Recreation Department. These projects included Poseyville Preserve, Wallen Playground installation, Miracle Field Playground installation, City Forest Stairs, Plymouth Pool renovation, Tittabawassee River Corridor and the Stratford Outdoor Shower.

9) Old Business

1. Parks and Recreation Rule Changes. Post returned to the committee with updated rules as directed by the Parks and Recreation Commission at the December 2025 meeting. As directed by the Commission, additional changes were made to Sec. 17 ANTI-CAMPING. Below are the final rule changes that will be forwarded to the Midland City Council for their approval and adoption. These rule changes are underlined below:
2. Sec. 10. DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.
It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any dog or other animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large or stray beyond the premises of such owner unless under reasonable control of some person, **unless a City park is signed otherwise.** All littering from the animal shall be removed from any City park and properly disposed of. This also includes Currie Golf Course and its adjacent properties.
3. Sec. 14. TRILOGY SKATE PARK RULES. (Added May 7, 2001; Revised June 8, 2015)
 - a) HOURS. The Trilogy Skate Park shall be closed between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. or when closed due to inclement weather. No person shall enter or remain in the Trilogy Skate Park after it is closed.

The Director of the Parks and Recreation shall be authorized to grant exceptions to the above hours on a temporary or permanent basis by filing with the City Clerk a "Parks and Recreation Order".

- b) **Motorized vehicles are prohibited in Trilogy Skate Park, including but not limited to scooters, electric bikes, one-wheels, minibikes, etc.**

4. Sec. 17. ANTI-CAMPING (New)

It shall be unlawful for any person to camp or remain in any park overnight, or to use camping facilities – including but not limited to tents, huts or temporary shelters – or to use camp paraphernalia such as beds, sleeping bags or tarps, in any park. Use of hammocks and cots for daytime recreational purposes is permitted, provided they are not used for camping or overnight stays.

After a brief discussion, the Commission moved to vote to forward the updated rules to the City Council for adoption. Secrease made a motion to accept the park rule changes as presented and to forward to City Council for adoption. The motion was seconded by Billotti. The motion was approved 5-0.

10) New Business: None

11) Adjourn: Motioned by Billotti, seconded by Secrease to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcie Post
Parks and Recreation Director