

**Smith Valley Park and Recreation Board**  
**First Monday of each month at 6:00 pm**  
**Smith Valley Library**  
**22 Day Lane Smith, NV 89430**  
**APPROVED Minutes – March 2, 2026**

**Action will be taken on all items unless otherwise noted.**  
**No action will be taken on any items until it is properly agendaized.**

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Restrictions on comments by the public: Any such restrictions must be reasonable and may restrict the time, place and manner of the comments, but may not restrict comments based upon viewpoint.

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

a) Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice Chair Brandt Hiles.

**2) ROLL CALL: DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Board members present. CHAIR Request all guests to print their names on the sign in sheet. –

a) **Present** – Mark Armstrong, Brianna Geney, Brandt Hiles, Debbie Hockaday, Alice Horton, Mark Phillips & Celeste Thornhill-Hawkins

b) **Present Virtual** –

c) **Absent** – Trent Renner & Dan Pommerening

**3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge of allegiance was led by VC – Brandt Hiles.

**4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (no action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendaized) - It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action.

**5) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

a) Mark Phillips moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Armstrong seconded and all approved.

**6) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF The February 2, 2026, MINUTES:**

a) Brandt Hiles moved to approve the last meeting minutes as presented. Debbie Hockaday seconded the motion and all approved.

**7) TREASURER REPORT:**

a) Alice Horton reported that there is \$25,027.80 available in the budget from our annual budget of \$52,456.50

**8) SECRETARIES REPORT:**

a) Please report all volunteer hours – Current hours = Mark reported that we have 2.5 hours reported so far this year.

b) Current events on the park calendar. Mark reported that the calendar of activities is not to busy now but gets active nearly every weekend from late March into June already.

c) Park use & agenda requests need to be sent to the SV Park & Recreation board chair &/or secretary at [svparkboard@lyon-county.org](mailto:svparkboard@lyon-county.org)

d) Copies of information for Advisory Board training. – Mark provided copies to board members for the upcoming open meeting law training April 11, 2026.

**9) COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**a) Lyon County Commissioner**

i) Commissioner Dave Hockaday reported that the upcoming meeting of the BOCC will include several important items including the Winston Solar Project in northern Mason Valley and the New Green Farms Vertical Farming project in Smith Valley. Please let your thoughts and opinions be known.

**b) Manager's Office** – Emailed updates from Judge Smith – Mark Phillips reporting.

i) The tennis court Juniper have been removed

ii) The Tennis court silt screen we will get it installed over the next couple of months.

- iii) The Practice field in tractor pull area is under construction. Our tractor is down so we are working on getting other equipment.
- iv) The donation of DG for this field has been accepted by the BOCC at their last meeting.
- v) We are looking at possibly turning on the water next week. It depends on the forecast develops. Right now, there are some really cold temperatures coming in a couple of weeks.

Comments from Nathan Bake via email - Mark, they can drop loads of DG anytime. It looks like the best spot will be right behind the bleachers, next to the tractor pull area. Whatever is left over we will put in the stockpiles.

Also, we have removed the top layer, but our equipment is currently down for repair. I will be working with our Road department to borrow some equipment, but I wouldn't count on this being done for this season's start. We still must remove some more soil and will be busy with water and other projects throughout the County.

**10) For Report Only: Notice to the Citizen's Advisory Boards of Annual Mandatory Training for April 11th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

**11) FOR DISCUSSION AND UPDATES:**

**a) Arena, Trap Range & Tractor Pull Area Items:**

- (1) Email comment from chair Dan Pommerening, about signage needed asking people not to tie horses to the fences. They are creating holes around the arena. Comments around this brought up that we should investigate placing dedicated hitching posts for this purpose. This could be a future project.

- ii) Update on generator and building. –

**b) Sport Court & Ball Field Items:**

- i) Update on Sport Courts – See Judge and Nathan's comments earlier
- ii) Repositioning of storage building. – The plan is to reposition during an upcoming little league workday.

**c) Gazebo, Restrooms and Play Area Items:**

- i) No report – But, it was mentioned that we should consider painting the restrooms as a future project.

**d) Baseball & Softball Field Items:**

- i) Update on the new practice field for Little League. – See Judge and Nathan's comments earlier.
- ii) Update on Rotary Interact Committee dugout refurbishing project. – Still tentative for April.

**e) General Park Maintenance Items:**

- i) Update on the positioning of the donated bleachers. – Not until the practice field is done. Then we should get the bleachers secured around the park.
- ii) Public comments about the amount of dog droppings around the park. What can we do that can work? Plastic bag dispensers (Judge spoke on this before) or??

**f) General Business:**

- i) Review of the park by-laws. – Tabled until we can get the revised version from the county.

**12) For Possible Action: Park Master Plan Project**

**a) Review and prioritize potential projects.**

- i) Prioritize the list and submit to the county managers office for inclusion in the master plan. – Mark Phillips provided a list of the various projects that have been considered for the future to each board member. He requested that everyone take a few minutes to review the items and report back what priority each item should be. He will compile the votes and we can review at the next meeting.

**13) CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) No Report

**14) CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a) Mark Phillips – had a reminder that past and current agendas, minutes and audio files of meetings can be found on the county website [www.lyon-county.org](http://www.lyon-county.org) under the agendas tab.

- b) Celeste asked when the antique fire truck will be removed from the park. It seems like a very tempting thing for kids to climb on. Brandt offered to reach out to our fire chief Matt Nightingale to find out.

**Next Meeting Date:**

April 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm.  
Smith Valley School Library  
22 Day Lane  
Smith NV

- 15) PUBLIC COMMENT** - (no action will be taken on items not properly agendaized) - It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during this time are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to three minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda item but before the Board takes any action.

- a) No public comment

- 16) REMINDER – Guests please print your name on the sign in sheet – even if you did not speak.**

- a) Thank-You for attending.

- 17) ADJOURN – Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm**

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