



City of Keller
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

PRE-MEETING BRIEFING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Jay Blakey called the Pre-Meeting Briefing to order at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation Board Members present: Peggy Wadsworth, Tom Hixson, Nichole Hollrah, Jay Blakey, Jenilee Harwell, Katelyn McCormack, and Ashley Wallace.

Park and Recreation Board Members absent: Felix Mira and Luz Rodriguez

Staff Members present: Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, City Secretary Kelly Ballard, Keller Pointe Manager Michael Beaver, and Senior Activities Center Manager Michael Queen.

B. WORK SESSION

1. [Receive update on Parks Construction Projects](#)

Staff provided updates regarding ongoing construction projects throughout the park system, including progress at Keller Sports Park, the Legacy restroom project, maintenance screening wall, water feature landscaping, Johnson Road Park playground project, and the Bear Creek Running Club matching grant improvements. Staff noted weather delays had impacted some project timelines.

2. [Receive update on from Board Subcommittees](#)

Trail Subcommittee - The Board discussed participating in a June Keller Summer Nights event to assist with public education related to trail safety and the use of e-bikes and e-motorcycles. Members discussed distributing trail maps and educational materials during the event. The Board reached consensus to cancel the June 11, 2026 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting in order to participate in Keller Summer Nights outreach activities.

Tree Standards Subcommittee - The Board discussed the creation of a new Tree Standards Subcommittee focused on tree selection, placement, health, and memorial tree standards throughout the City's parks and trail systems. Tom Hixson, Ashley Wallace, and Jenilee Harwell volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Members discussed concerns related to tree species selection, improper planting practices, maintenance, and opportunities to proactively support staff efforts regarding tree preservation and replacement.

Johnson Road Park Subcommittee - The Johnson Road Park Subcommittee reported that six responses were received for the Johnson Road Park playground Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The subcommittee independently reviewed and ranked the responses and recommended moving forward with interviews with three firms. Members expressed confidence in the quality of the submissions and the overall project timeline.

Northeast Park Discussion - Staff advised that Northeast Park remains tentatively planned as a future cash-funded project, currently estimated for development around 2032 or 2033, though future City Council discussions could impact that timeline.

Senior Center Survey Discussion - The Board discussed the availability and distribution of Senior Center survey results. Staff reviewed actions already implemented as a result of the survey, including expanded balance classes, the return of chair yoga, and ongoing evaluations of room usage and program attendance. Staff reported participation and attendance at the Senior Activities Center continues to increase compared to the previous year.

Sports Park User Agreement Subcommittee -The Board noted there were no significant updates from the User Agreement Subcommittee pending transition to the new City Council.

3. [Receive updates from Park Board Members](#)

Board members shared additional comments and updates including: Upcoming Kids Entrepreneur Market activities at Bear Creek Park, Sports Park wayfinding signage and public input opportunities, Trail emergency location identification and emergency response concerns, Trail safety improvements near Rufe Snow Drive and Bear Creek Parkway, Promotion of the Memorial Day ceremony at Mount Gilead Cemetery, and Discussion regarding an upcoming vacancy on the Johnson Road Park Subcommittee.

C. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Board Member Katelyn McCormack, seconded by Board Member Tom Hixson, to adjourn the Pre-Meeting Briefing at 6:45 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Jay Blakey called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:48 P.M.

B. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

This is a time for the public to address the Board/Commission on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Board/Commission from discussing issues which the public has not been given three business days' notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

No persons addressed the Board.

C. MINUTES

1. [Consider the approval of the April 9, 2026 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Katelyn McCormack, seconded by Board Member Ashley Wallace, to approve the April 9, 2026 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. [Staff Announcements](#)

Staff announcements were provided by Keller Pointe Manager Michael Beaver and Director of Community Services Cody Maberry.

E. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Board Member Tom Hixson, seconded by Board Member Nicole Hollrah, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson

Staff Liaison