



## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 1/22/26

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Place:** Parks & Recreation Administration Building  
108 South Oak Street

**Re:** January 2026 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

**Present:**

Josh Brinegar, P&R Vice Chairperson (but late)  
Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary  
Jonathan Ackerman, P&R Board Member  
Michelle Davidson, P&R Board Member  
Angie Grimm, P&R Board Member  
Richard Noon, P&R Board Member  
John Pullen, P&R Board Member  
Michael Davenport, Special Events Supervisor  
Lee Ann Jones, Administrative Assistant  
Eric Lorenz, Recreation Superintendent

**Absent:**

Derek Diorio, P&R Chairperson

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Brian Darby (only because Derek ditched us and Josh is a slacker).

**B. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Consideration and Action to approve the minutes from the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on October 23, 2025 which we did not have distributed and therefore did nothing herein.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Member Reports (maintenance items):
  - a. Angie / John - Austin Street Plaza & City Hall & Fountain: All is good.
  - b. Brian – Skate Park & Cannon Parkway Park:  
Noted replacement sidewalk work was completed.
  - c. Jonathan - Roanoke Community Park:  
Noted one of the solar lights is out.
  - d. Josh – Fair Play Park:  
He arrives late to the meeting at this point and has nothing to report.
  - e. Michelle – Linear Park, Parks of Roanoke park & corner park:  
Noted Corner Park construction underway.
  - f. Richard – Briarwyck / Cade Branch Trail
    - i. Noted repaved sidewalk look good.
2. Cannon Park Trail Connection Update:
  - a. Design is done.
  - b. TDLR ADA review underway.
3. Corner Park Update:  
New ADA compliant design is done.
4. Staff Reports & Updates:

In the latest Hollywood style PowerPoint presentation, we reviewed:

- i. Corner Park
  1. PARD crew dismantling existing playground equipment.
  2. Repurposed bench and trashcans at the Library.
- ii. Fairway Ranch brush clearing.
- iii. Ladybug Park new safety surface.
- iv. Soccer Complex repaired shade.

- v. Recreation Center:
  - 1. New Smith Machine & leg press.
  - 2. New outside furniture.
- vi. Poll new picnic tables.
- vii. Senior Center donated pool table.
- viii. City of Roanoke Core Value awards winners (almost a perfect sweep)
- ix. City of Roanoke Employee of the Year (insert drum roll): Lee Ann Jones! (also a sweep on the nominations from PARD).
- x. Annual Member numbers report.
- xi. Annual League numbers report.
- xii. Roanoke Hometown Holiday: 9,400 attendees.
- xiii. Breakfast with Santa: 240 tickets sold.
- xiv. Family Valentine's Dance: Feb 13, 2026 , 7-9pm, Roanoke Recreation Center (advertisements by Netflix Bridgerton series).
- xv. Recreation Center 20th Anniversary - way cool and with giant slides.

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Angie Grimm and seconded by Johnathan Ackerman at 6:56pm. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reported By:**

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary