

BETTENDORF PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:00pm
Bettendorf Community Center
2204 Grant Street, Bettendorf, Iowa

Members Present:

Gregg Machetta (Chairperson)
Debbie Potts
Catherine Duda
Betsy Flaherty

Bob Sartor (Vice Chairperson)
Spencer Mesick
Laura Wittnebel

Staff Present:

Director of Parks & Recreation – John Byrnes
Administrative Assistant – Kim Radcliff
Recreation Manager – Liz Solis-Willis
Recreation Manager – Nathan Pittman
Recreation Coordinator – Cale Yoder
Park Maintenance Manager – Jason Manfull

1. Call to Order
 - Machetta motioned, Sartor seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:00pm
 - Radcliff took roll call; members absent: Flaherty, Roberts, and Wittnebel
2. Meeting Minutes
 - Machetta motioned, Duda seconded to approve the Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes dated February 11, 2026.
 - Ayes: all present, Nays: none, Motion carried
3. Board Member Renewals
 - The following board members' terms end June 30th, 2026.
 - Gregg Machetta agreed to renew his term starting July 1st
 - Betsy Flaherty agreed to renew her term starting July 1st
 - Max Pikulskiy was absent; John Byrnes will follow up

4. The Landing Update

- Cale Yoder, Rec Coord, presented an overview report of The Landing Ice Rink's 2025-2026 season. He covered the budget, attendance, averages, personnel, programming, and special events/rentals. His report included a comparison to the 2024-2025 season. He discussed future changes for next season, which he anticipates will have an increase in revenues.

5. Cricket

- John reviewed the Council's inquiry to revisit a public request to install a 90,000SF cricket pitch field in Bettendorf. While there are several options for location, his focus is finding the area that works best logistically for all. The need is currently being met in East Moline in Jacobs Park. John explained each option that was given to the City Council.
 - Meier Park overlapping the ballfield (drainage issues)
 - Veterans Memorial Park overlapping ballfields 2 and 3 (\$450,000)
 - Forest Grove Park (sports fields of any kind haven't been a priority in initial conceptual conversations with shareholders and council)
 - Crow Creek Park overlapping half of the soccer complex (displacing thousands of users)
 - Hoover Park overlapping the ballfield (would need to remove programming)
 - Hollowview Park (under-utilized park, grading needed, small parking lot expansion, \$100,000)

He stressed that finding the correct spot for the field is most important to benefit the public and the Board leaned towards Hollowview as the best option to consider. Laura Wittnebel and Debbie Potts asked how many players (currently 120) and if the field would need lights (no, and most games are played during the day). John confirmed that a cricket field cannot be used for other purposes due to the required concrete strip needed in the middle. Bob Sartor noted that trail usage in that area on the weekend is non-stop heavy flow. Betsy Flaherty asked about the number of Bettendorf residents that are currently playing in East Moline, but John was unsure. Spencer said that cricket is the second-most popular sport in the world and coming to the Olympics in 2027. John would like to invite the residents surrounding Hollowview Park to attend a community input event to express their thoughts or concerns.

The PAB agreed to support the Hollowview Park location if after a public input event, most residents supported it as well.

6. Capital Project Updates

- Jason Manfull and John Byrnes gave updates on the following projects:

- Friendship Park playground replacement is complete and the Ribbon Cutting is April 10 at 4pm. The playground includes trending features, some unique to Bettendorf. It is designed for older youth 5-12 years.
- Edgewood Park playground replacement will be complete the week of April 13. We will wait until we are a little closer to schedule that ribbon cutting. A new shelter is coming soon too.
- Lincoln Park's ribbon cutting will happen once the new parking lot is finished which is starting the week of April 13; playground is already complete.
- Kiwanis Park is getting a new futsal asphalt overlay with our Bettendorf logo in the middle of it. This also begins the week of April 13.
- Middle Park's new pump track and bike path budget was approved and will be placed over the 23rd Street ballfield. John showed examples from the designer, American Ramp Company. Once City Council approves the resolution in two weeks, we will release all information to the public.

7. Park Advisory Board Open Discussion:

- No questions

8. Motion to end the meeting at 5:52pm

- Laura motioned, Debbie seconded, no vote needed

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Radcliff, Administrative Assistant