

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Draft Minutes of Wednesday, June 24, 2026

7:00 p.m. at Hugh Parker Soccer Fields

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Selbig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Ellen Rodman, Kevin Maginity, Emily Olson, and Carol Anne Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Mahoney, Commissioners Kollin Lienau and Adeline Mahoney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Rodman made a motion to approve the agenda for June 24, 2026. Commissioner Smith supported the motion. Passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve the minutes for May 27, 2026. The motion was supported by Commissioner Rodman. Passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Steven Shannon provided information on the nonprofit, Michigan Trail Keepers, that he is starting. He shared that he would like to adopt Rosevear Park and would be following up with the Commission on future plans.

OLD BUSINESS REPORT: Amy Fuller shared that the splash pad was almost complete.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Millage: Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Commission recommend Owosso City Council ask the voters to renew the Parks Millage. The motion was supported by Commissioner Maginity and passed by voice vote.

Cigarette Receptacles: There was discussion on adding cigarette receptacles at the amphitheater. Commissioner Selbig suggested adding no-smoking signs instead of receptacles.

Community Gardens:

- Consideration of a picnic table or bench: **There was a motion by Commissioner Olson to allocate \$3,200 in millage funds to add a picnic table and bench swing at Hopkins Lake near the community gardens. The motion was supported by Commissioner Rodman and passed unanimously.**
- Community Garden signage: There was a discussion on signage. Commissioner Olson will work on design ideas for the board to review.
- Future garden amenities: There was discussion on adding a hose to the gardens.

Community Tree Initiative: Commissioner Olson led a discussion on park trees.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Smith said she had heard that the Parks and Recreation Commission was responsible for removing the homeless camp at Rosevear Park, and she wanted to make clear that they did not.

Commissioner Selbig said goodbye after 15 years on the commission. He encouraged them to get a climbing rock and to encourage community involvement.

NEXT MEETING: July 22, 2026, at Bentley Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Rodman made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes all, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager