

OCTOBER MINUTES

Versailles Woodford County Parks and Recreation

October 13, 2025, 6:30 pm at Falling Springs Center

In Attendance

D. Lodmell, A. Keith, C. Stoudt, S. Finney, D. Gill, P. Pinkston, T. Sparks

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve August minutes S. Finney –2nd C. Stoudt – All voted in favor.

Public Comment

William Herndon of Versailles Methodist Church asked the board to consider allowing his church to place a prayer fence up at Big Spring Park. Fence would be a mesh wire fence and would be a place for people to place different color ribbons on the fence to say a prayer or moment of reflection for the ribbon color associated. No location has yet to be determined and the question of legality was asked being a public park.

Guest – Blake Porter Eagle Scout Project

Blake Porter of Troop 43 presented to the board a plan to recognize the Cloudus house at Huntertown Park. S. Finney explained the Cloudus house dates back to early 1900 and was one of the first landowners in the area. The plan calls for laying brick stones around what used to be the foundation of the home.

Motion to accept the plan as presented and allow him to proceed was made by D. Lodmell, 2nd by D. Gill. All voted in favor of the motion.

Turf and lighting bid approval.

The board reviewed the lower bidders for the upcoming special projects installing turf on fields 2&7, multi-purpose field and new lighting at youth ball fields. Motion to accept the letter of recommendation from W Principles of the low bidders and to waive AE Electrical informality in the bid process not acknowledging addendum #2 in the process but later confirming their low bid price is not affected by addendum #2 made by T. Sparks, 2nd C. Stoudt. All voted in favor of the motion.

Marathon pipeline

Rich explained that he had been contacted by a representative from Marathon pipeline and that they intended to do vegetation clearing along their pipeline this winter. Rich shared pictures of the pipeline that runs on the property line behind the county park and then proceeds down the left side of the bike path to Clifton Road. Rich is meeting with the representative next week to get a clearer picture of exactly how many trees will be removed. It was suggested that we request they put up signage stating who they are and why they are removing trees. Rich also explained he will speak at both City and County meeting as well as with the Woodford Sun to try to get the word out that this is not Parks department removing the trees.

Outdoor basketball courts

Rich shared pictures of the new outdoor basketball courts that were recently opened next to the pickleball courts and outdoor pool entrance. Rich explained the lights are on a timer and can be turned on between the hours of 5 pm and 10 pm.

Beasley Road sidewalk project

Rich informed board that he is part of a committee that is looking at building a multi-use path up Beasley to better access the park. The path is being funded by the City of Versailles and will extend the walk path along Falling Springs Blvd to the stoplight at Tyrone and Beasley so that people can cross at a designated cross-walk and then proceed up Beasley to connect to the walk path leading to stadium and outdoor pool.

BSP bridge RFQ ad for paper

Board approved wording for an ad to appear in this week's Woodford Sun to advertise a request for qualifications for companies to submit for design and engineering work to build new bridge at Big Spring Park. Motion to approve ad by T. Sparks, 2nd S. Finney All voted in favor

Request to surplus old maintenance equipment

Maintenance Director Marty Ritchey requested to surplus as junk several pieces of old non-working equipment. A 14 ft woods batwing, black ford explorer and pull behind bush hog mower.

Motion to surplus equipment P. Pinkston, 2nd D. Lodmell

New Business

The board elected to discuss the request for prayer fence. Several board members expressed their concern with the precedent that would be set by allowing a church to place a religious element in a public park. T. Sparks and S. Finney both expressed concern that once we allow for one group we would be open to any and all groups that wanted to place any type memorial or reflection area. It was the sentiment of the board they did not wish to go down this road and asked Rich to reach out to Mr. Herndon to explain the boards reasoning.

Current Financial information

The board reviewed August and September month end, special project and YTD financials.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn D. Lodmell

Next Meeting November 10, 2025
