

APRIL MINUTES

Versailles Woodford County Parks and Recreation

April 13, 2026, 6:30 pm at Falling Springs Center

In Attendance

J. Gay, D. Lodmell, S. Finney, G. Watson, T. Sparks, K. O'Reel, A. Keith, D. Gill

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March minutes T. Sparks –2nd P. Pinkston – All voted in favor.

New Board Member

Rich announced we have a newly appointed board member. Greg Watson introduced himself to the group Greg was recently appointed by Judge Kay as a Woodford County Representative.

Guest – Jeb Gorman & Ben Marsico The American Bicycle Association

Jeb & Ben presented the board with a plan to build a BMX track and asked approval of the Parks Board to present their idea to the Woodford Fiscal Court. Cost to build and maintain the track will be 100% the responsibility of their non-profit organization Bluegrass Berms. They may ask from time to time for some in-kind assistance from Parks or County Government for use of heavy equipment for track maintenance. Once open the track will be fully open to the public with the exception for Parks programming or BMX race events.

Motion to approve Bluegrass Berms and BMX to seek Fiscal Court approval T. Sparks 2nd A. Keith, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Guest – Kyle Holt Woodford Disc Golf Club

Kyle Holt representing the newly formed Woodford Disc Golf Club introduced himself and informed them of his clubs goals and mission related to the disc golf course at the County Park. Rich explained the relationship with the parks department will be similar to our deals with youth baseball and football.

Turf & lighting update

Rich informed the board of the current status of all projects and explained if weather cooperates ball field could be done by end of April and youth multi-sport field by mid-May.

Playground Merewood Park

Rich explained that a very old piece of equipment at Merewood Park is broken and due to its age, we cannot get replacement parts. Rich presented the board with four options for new equipment similar to what would be removed. It was Rich's recommendation to go with Miracle Play of KY & TN based on the price and the size and amount of equipment included in their bid. Motion by S. Finney to approve Miracle of KY and TN in the amount of \$18,069.00 to replace the equipment in Merewood Park 2nd D. Gill – All voted in favor of motion.

26-27 Budget proposal

Rich presented the board with the proposed 2026-2027 budget for the Parks Department. Rich pointed out of note cost of living has been factored at 3% but actual number would be determined by County and or City in the budget process. Capital improvements totaling \$276,000 down \$54,000 from previous year. Overall budget reflects a 1.4% increase over last fiscal year. Motion to approve budget for submission to County and City governments A. Keith 2nd P. Pinkston. All voted in favor of the motion.

Personnel update

Rich informed board that instead of filling the vacant Recreation Coordinator position with another full-time employee we are going to use a series of paid internships in connection with Midway University. We will be offering Summer, Fall and Spring semester positions which will be paid and receive class credit. This will be a significant saving too our budget.

Current Financial information

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

New Business

Motion to adjourn.

motion to adjourn D. Lodmell

Next Meeting May 11, 2026
