Parks and Lands Board Meeting Minutes
Date: August 25, 2026
Location: Lions Park

Call to Order
Chair Bob Wiederrick called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Attendance
Committee Members Present: Bob Wiederrick, Penny Thayer, Darin Sales, Janet Barton, Lamar Waters
Staff Present: Amy Bain
Public Present: Riaza Giorgi for Wood River Baseball

Approval of Previous Minutes
Approval of June 2026 minutes: Motion made by Lamar; Darin seconded; all in favor.

New Business

Bob had told the board that Kiwanis Club is discussing doing upgrades to the baseball field at Lions Park as their next project. He had asked WRBA to attend to give the board information on needs and desires for field upgrades.
Riaza from WRBA told the board that there are approximately 85 kids in four age groups. During tournaments there are 12 teams in each age group, and that teams come from all over for the tournaments. The set up of the current field is only acceptable for the two lowest age groups, so they have to find additional field locations also. It would be ideal to hold the entire thing in one location.

Some of the needs and wants for the field:

- Regulation size backstop
- Additional bleachers and replacement of the existing bleachers
- Covered dug outs with better/bigger benches
- Re-work the field to host all age groups
- Camping spots for tournaments

Riaza also talked about how a large, multi-sport indoor practice facility is needed in our valley. The board members discussed how that could work and possible locations. The hope is that eventually BCRD will build something like that.

Bob asked Amy if she could put a site map of Lions Park and the baseball field together for the next meeting.

Other discussions

<u>Sunbeam Park</u>
Amy told the members that the playground equipment had been installed and the park completion was coming along nicely.

Janet asked if when a park gets built as part of a new development, can any sort of endowment for maintenance be part of the approval process. Amy will inquire about that and get back to them.

Curtis Park

Penny mentioned being disappointed the neighbor was bringing in more vehicles and equipment again, making the area around the park look bad. She is worried about another encroachment issue. Amy told them that the city had talked to him, but didn't know what had come from the discussions.

Adjournment

Chair Bob Wiederrick adjourned the meeting at 7 PM.