



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 / 5:30 p.m.

Bob Rogers Center
204 South Harrison Street
Alexandria, IN 46001

Present: Sam Drifill, *President*; Barrett Key, *Vice President*; Devin Powers, *Secretary*;
Tom Johns, *member*; and Kim Terry, *member*. **Absent:** Angie Hilligoss, *member*.

Guest: Eric Freeman, Superintendent

President Sam Drifill called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Kim seconded Tom's motion to approve meeting minutes from 2/18/2026. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Report

a. Tom seconded Barrett's motion to approve the February financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

b. After discussing the Park Non-Reverting Fund, Devin seconded Barrett's motion to approve the following Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

All Beulah Park facilities rental revenue is to be credited to Fund #2204. No expenditure from the Alexandria Park Board Non-Reverting Fund #2211 is to be made without prior Park Board approval. The board intends to grow its non-reverting fund to underwrite park projects included in its five-year master plan, now considering Fund #2211 to be its savings. The board intends to grow Fund #2211 through Beulah Park facilities rental. Because there are facilities security deposit refunds, the board prefers to use Fund #2204 as a facilities rental income and expense fund. The board will decide how much, and how often, to move net facilities rental funds, and possibly other funds, from #2204 to #2211.

3. Old Business

a. Tom reported on his conversation with Mermaid Pools. The Alex Pool holds 182,000 gallons of water and requires a commercial pool cleaner costing \$5–7,000, with a 2-4-week turnaround for delivery. Tom recommended offsetting the cost by offering Mermaid free promotion on the proposed LED sign the board intends to order, and the board agreed. This pool cleaner will be on the April meeting agenda so a decision can be made.

b. Kim is still identifying a location for the DNR/250th Anniversary of the US tree planting on April 24. She showed a photo of the proposed tree sign and asked Eric to follow up on getting the city's park sign ordinance to confirm the proposed sign conforms. She also asked for the list of city-approved trees. After discussion, Kim agreed to ask the Extension Office for use of the 4-H Building as a rain location for the event.

c. Barrett and Sam are still gathering contractor estimates to clean/repair the Caretaker's House. They have one estimate now.

4. New Business

- a. Barrett is leading the city's committee that will decide how hail damage insurance proceeds will be applied to all city buildings needing to be re-roofed, and he reported that the committee has met. All Beulah Park building roofs are to be replaced as part of the insurance claim. Because large sections of the Emery Lee Auditorium roof blew off in last week's windstorm, Sam got an immediate commitment from Go Big Exteriors to cover the roof in tarp and to provide a roofing bid. Tom seconded Barrett's motion that insurance claim proceeds be approved to fund the Go Big roofing bid to replace the Emery Lee roof, pending Mayor Naselroad's approval. If need be, the Park Fund can pay the bill and be reimbursed later by the city's insurance proceeds. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent's Report

Eric's monthly report was included in the agenda packet. Highlights included:

- a. The certified letter to Cora and John Thompson was mailed March 10th, confirming they have until March 28th to move any remaining personal belongings from the Caretaker's House. The letter included Eric's cell number, and no word has been received yet from the Thompsons.
- b. An updated LED sign quote for Beulah Park was included in the agenda packet. Eric will get two more. Barrett recommended talking with the school superintendent and City Hall about LED signs they might be ordering in order to get a bulk discount.
- c. Eric reported on the June 20 event in Beulah Park, hosted by the Madison County Historical Society, that will celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary. The entire park and all facilities have been reserved, and a crowd exceeding 5,000 is expected. The board recommended identifying a sponsor so the pool could offer a Free Day on June 20.
- d. Opening Day for the pool is tentatively scheduled for Sat, May 23.
- e. Eric met with the mayor and Rachel Martin, and outcomes include:
 - i. He has keys to all park buildings.
 - ii. 2026 park facilities rates will be presented to the City Council for approval.
 - iii. Rachel will present the board with 2026 pool staff candidates when she completes the process.
 - iv. The "Alexandria Pool" Facebook page has been renamed "Alexandria Parks & Recreation," and Sam and Eric have editor rights to the page.
 - v. The Church at Broadway Park needs to own the proposed Dog Park land, currently owned by the railroad, before the current location can be moved.
 - vi. Eric will begin approving park-related claims, with Mayor Naselroad, before they are applied to the park budget.
 - vii. Moving forward with the LED sign at Beulah Park was approved, providing the park budget can absorb the cost.
 - viii. The board was asked to help find 2026 pool event sponsors – for Opening Day, Free Days and Night Swims.
 - ix. The Park Board section of the city's online public information has been shored up.

6. Announcements, Upcoming Events & Public Comments

- a. Kim is a member of the Madison County Invasive Species Group, which wants to increase its northern Madison County membership. Kim invited it to meet at the Emery Lee Auditorium at 6 p.m. on May 19, using it as her annual board member free night. As a result of this event, Tom seconded Barrett's motion to move the May Park Board meeting start time to 5 p.m. and to approve the Invasives Group meeting as Kim's free night. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Barrett led a discussion about painting/taping pickleball court lines in the Kiwanis shelters, emphasizing the need for courts under cover and saying nets can be set up on temporary poles. He will contact Brian Donahue/the Kiwanis Club about this.

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- c. Barrett also led a discussion about the growing interest in Remote Control (RC) Car Racing, asking the board to consider a track installation in/around one of the parks. Discussion included track installation as part of a beautification project.
- d. Eric asked the board to approve the Bluegrass Club's request to install a cabinet in the Emery Lee storage room. The room has been cleaned and, since there is now room for the cabinet, Devin seconded Barrett's motion to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Kim noted that the American Legion remains on the online Emery Lee rental schedule for Mon, May 4, when the building is reserved all week as a satellite voting location. Eric will follow up.
- f. Libby Manning, from the Madison County Community Foundation, will be at the top of the April 22 board meeting agenda to discuss the Alexandria Park Fund that is part of the Foundation's endowment and the \$1-for-\$1 match the Foundation is offering this year on new gifts to endowed funds. The board agreed to Kim's request to invite the Orestes Park Board.

Barrett seconded Tom's motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Members then went to Beulah Park to decide on a roof shingle color for all buildings.

Minutes Taken By: Devin Powers, Secretary and Eric Freeman, Superintendent

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m. @ Emery Lee Auditorium.