

BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
July 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on July 7, 2026, at 12 p.m. in the Columbus Community Building, Community Room, 2500 14 Street, Columbus, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram on July 1, 2026, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the city clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the mayor, members of the city council, and members of the Board of Parks Commissioners. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

- 1. Statement of compliance with open meetings act.** Chair Brezenski announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were members Araceli Esquivel, Jon Brezenski, Brad Hansen, Tina Pelan, Gary Puetz, Bruce Schmidt, Lynn Sjuts, and Stacy Smith. Member Nick Larson was absent. City staff members included Assistant City Clerk Linda Nickeson, Park and Recreation Director Sydney Mroczek, Park Superintendent Tom Ek, and Park and Recreation Coordinators Alondra Castillo and Jake Novicki.
- 2. Minutes of May 5, 2026, meeting.** The minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Sjuts and a second by Smith. Esquivel, Brezenski, Hansen, Pelan, Puetz, Schmidt, Sjuts, and Smith voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Larson was absent.
- 3. Park and Recreation Director report.** Mroczek reviewed the report and noted that permission was granted by the City Council for staff to apply for a grant to construct a connectivity trail within west Pawnee Park. Ek confirmed that the new Sertomaland playground sign is ready to be installed.
- 4. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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: Linda Nickeson