



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 - 4:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** October 8, 2025, at 4:30 PM

2. **CALL OF ROLL**

3. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**
This provides an opportunity for the citizens to comment on agenda and non-agenda items in advance of the regular business of the Parks and Recreation Board. Those wishing to speak must sign-in before the meeting begins and observe a three-minute time limit when addressing the Board. Speakers will have one opportunity to speak during the time period. Comments from speakers should not be directed towards any specific member of the Board or City staff. Comments should not be accusatory, derogatory or threatening in nature.

4. **MINUTES**
 - 4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the September 10, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

5. **CITY STAFF REPORT**
 - 5.1. Parks Director report.
 - 5.2. Park Operations report - Blue Hole Swim Season 2025

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - 6.1. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) to update the playground at Martha Knies Community Park.
 - 6.2. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding the spray field at Blue Hole.
 - 6.3. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding a stage at Oak Park.
 - 6.4. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.
 - 6.5. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action related to the Blue Hole Nature Center.

7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

7.1. Announcements.

7.2. Future agenda item.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other governmental bodies, and/or city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the body, board, commission and/or committee. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may be permitted to participate in discussion on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that body, board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at Wimberley City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.cityofwimberley.com, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, by 5:00 p.m., and remained posted for atleast 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.



Tammy Heller, City Secretary

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 - 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM on September 10, 2025.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Present: Rachel Buchanan, Lee Ann Linam, Leah Cuddeback, Amy Crowell, Anthony Derringer,
Laurie Olson Absent: Lin Weber

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There were no citizen communications.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Consider approval of minutes from the August 13, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 13, 2025 regular meeting.

*Motion to approve the minutes made by Rachel Buchanan, seconded by Lee Ann Linam.
Vote approved unanimously.*

5. CITY STAFF REPORT

5.1 Parks Director report

Parks Director Richard Shaver reported on several recent events at Blue Hole:

- During the last week of August, there was a major water leak at Blue Hole that was so severe that Wimberley Water had to shut off water for the entire park. Swimming sessions had to be canceled, but maintenance staff identified and dug out the affected area, and plumbers fixed the leak in less than 24 hours.
- The following week, park staff successfully executed a full evacuation of a sold-out swim slot and a large birthday party with zero injuries during a severe weather incident. Multiple large cypress trees fell in the swimming area during what was described as "tornado-esque" straight-line winds.

- City staff, including the city administrator and park maintenance team, removed several downed trees in and around the swimming area. The park was closed for Labor Day but reopened by that Thursday. The fallen trees were not the rope swing trees, but one of the cypress trees that fell was quite hollow.
- The preserve also sustained damage with several "widow makers" (dangerous hanging branches). I Love Trees came out to assist staff with removing dangerous obstacles from trails and public access points.
- Swim season is concluding with weekends in September only. Despite struggles this year, the swim season was considered successful overall.
- During the off-season, the park will transition to maintenance mode, focusing on trails and ground care, sign refreshing, and winter project preparation.
- Upcoming fall programs include a biannual star party, BOOhole Halloween (celebrating its 10th anniversary on October 18th, sponsored by PEC), and the Haunted Trail. The focus will be on partner engagement and volunteer recruitment for these October activities.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6.1 Discuss and consider possible action regarding a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Aquatics Feasibility Study

Parks Director Richard Shaver presented a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Aquatics Feasibility Study that had been reviewed by the legal team. The RFP would need approval from the Council before moving forward.

Richard explained that the scope of the study would include:

- A full engagement plan and project management
- Market conditions analysis within a 30-45 minute trade area
- Site investigation and screening (shortlisting up to 3 potential sites)
- 3-4 concept alternatives with plan-level diagrams
- 10-year operating costs
- Construction costs
- Funding and governance strategies (including staffing and drought recommendations)
- Road map for phasing, permitting, and procurement

The deliverables would include a 10-12 slide presentation to the board and council, along with public meetings and workshops to share findings. The study would look at various aquatic recreation options, not just a pool, including splash pads and additional natural swimming areas.

Board members discussed the importance of looking at similar demographic cities to understand what has worked successfully elsewhere. Richard noted that while this was listed as an optional deliverable to keep costs minimal, it could be moved to the required section.

The estimated cost for a complete study would range between \$30,000-\$50,000. Board members agreed that while this is a significant cost, it was necessary to properly understand what would be involved in pursuing a pool or other aquatic facility for Wimberley.

Motion to recommend that the RFP for an Aquatics Feasibility Study be forwarded to the City Council with Parks Board support.

Motion by: Rachel Buchanan Second by: Lori Olson Vote: Approved unanimously

6.2 Discuss and consider possible action regarding proposals to update the playground at Martha Knies Community Park

Richard Shaver presented a proposal received from a playground company for updating the playground at Martha Knies Community Park. He explained that he had reached out to several companies, but they had been slow to provide complete proposals.

Three options were presented from the same company:

1. First option: \$118,000 turnkey (excluding demo and drainage) - Includes smaller play elements for 2-5 year-olds and a large netting structure called a "cubite" for 5-12 year-olds.
2. Second option: \$95,500 turnkey (excluding demo and drainage) - Similar to what's currently in the park, but designed to mimic downtown Wimberley with elements like a small-town café and ice cream cart.
3. Third option: \$111,000 for equipment only, with a turnkey estimate of \$203,000 for both the hawk and egg features - This option featured a customized red-shouldered hawk play structure (colors matched to an actual red-shouldered hawk) and an optional "egg" feature that could be placed on the other side of the walkway for an additional \$27,000. Without the egg, the turnkey cost would be approximately \$176,000.

Richard explained that all options would use mulch surfacing rather than pour-in-place rubber surfacing because the area is on a downgrade toward the preserve. Pour-in-place surfacing would require leveling the area, which would be more expensive and could increase runoff problems. The wooden retainer wall currently in place was deemed structurally sound and would be kept.

Board members expressed enthusiasm for the red-shouldered hawk concept, noting its potential to become a distinctive feature that would be popular with both locals and tourists. They discussed the possibility of pursuing funding through hot tax money if it could be pitched as environmental education, as well as potential grants from LCRA (up to \$100,000) or Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The Board discussed the need to pursue an RFP since the preferred options would cost over \$100,000 (the city's limit for projects without an RFP). They also suggested getting input from Keep Wimberley Beautiful, which has been involved with the park.

Richard agreed to develop an RFP for the project that would specify a wooden/nature-themed motif with environmental education and wildlife elements, and include options for both mulch and pour-in-place surfacing. He would present this draft RFP at the next meeting. No formal action was taken, as Richard will return with a draft RFP at the October meeting.

6.3 Discuss and consider possible action related to the Blue Hole Nature Center

Richard reported that he had finalized a first meeting with Lake Plato and Lionheart regarding the Blue Hole Nature Center. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th at 3:30 PM and will be virtual. Several board members expressed interest in attending.

The firms have created a framework for public engagement, and they will present their survey and items to staff at the meeting. The discovery phase fee has been reduced from \$122,000 to \$58,000 by trimming scope and shifting facilitation responsibilities to park staff. Richard noted that public engagement should begin in late September if all goes well with the survey language and moving it onto the website. He suggested that the October Parks Board meeting could include a workshop component to gather board input on the project. Lake Plato is also working on a fee proposal for concept drawings, which will essentially be a punch list of what everything in the current concept will cost. Once available, Richard will share this with the board to review and determine if all aspects of the facility make sense given the costs.

No formal action was taken on this item.

7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

7.1 **Announcements**

The next Parks Board meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

7.2 **Future agenda items**

The following items were identified for the October meeting agenda:

- Draft RFP for the Martha Knies Community Park playground
- Contract language from Lake Flato (if available)
- Standing item about the Blue Hole Nature Center
- Master Plan check-in
- Updates on the Aquatics Feasibility Study RFP process (which will take 2-3 months)

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

Motion by: Lee Ann Linam Second by: Rachel Buchanan Vote: Approved unanimously

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

RECORDED BY:

PARB Secretary

APPROVED BY:

PARB Chairperson





AGENDA ITEM:	1. Parks Director report.
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	09/23/2025
MEETING DATE:	October 8, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

REQUESTED ACTION

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None



AGENDA ITEM:	2. Park Operations report - Blue Hole Swim Season 2025
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	09/23/2025
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1. Swim Season Review (2)

Swim Season Review

2025



Swim Season

03/01

Half day passes go on sale
Season passes for Residents

05/01

Swim season starts

09/28

Swim season ends

04/01

Season passes go on sale for Non-Residents

09/01

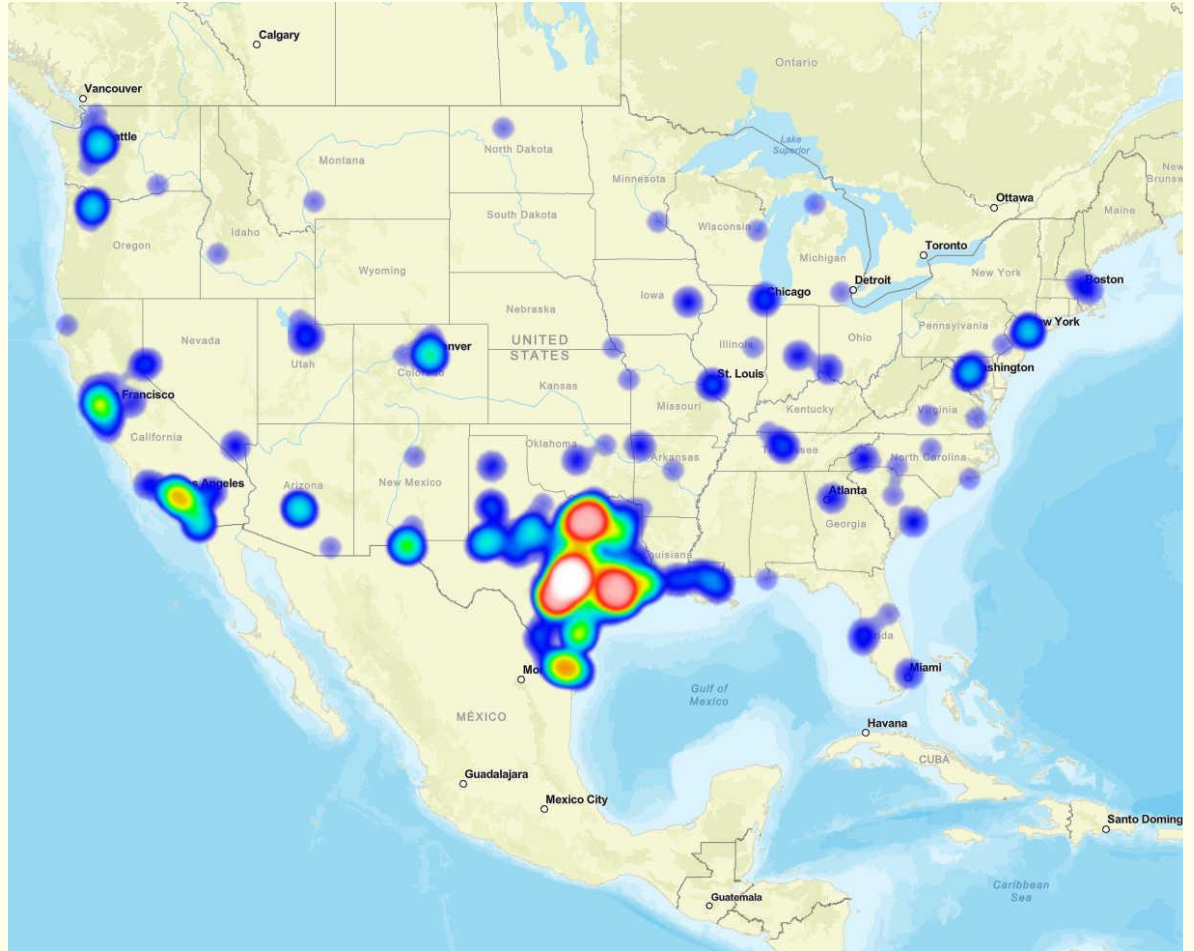
Last day of weekday swimming

132 Days

Visitors

NO VISITORS

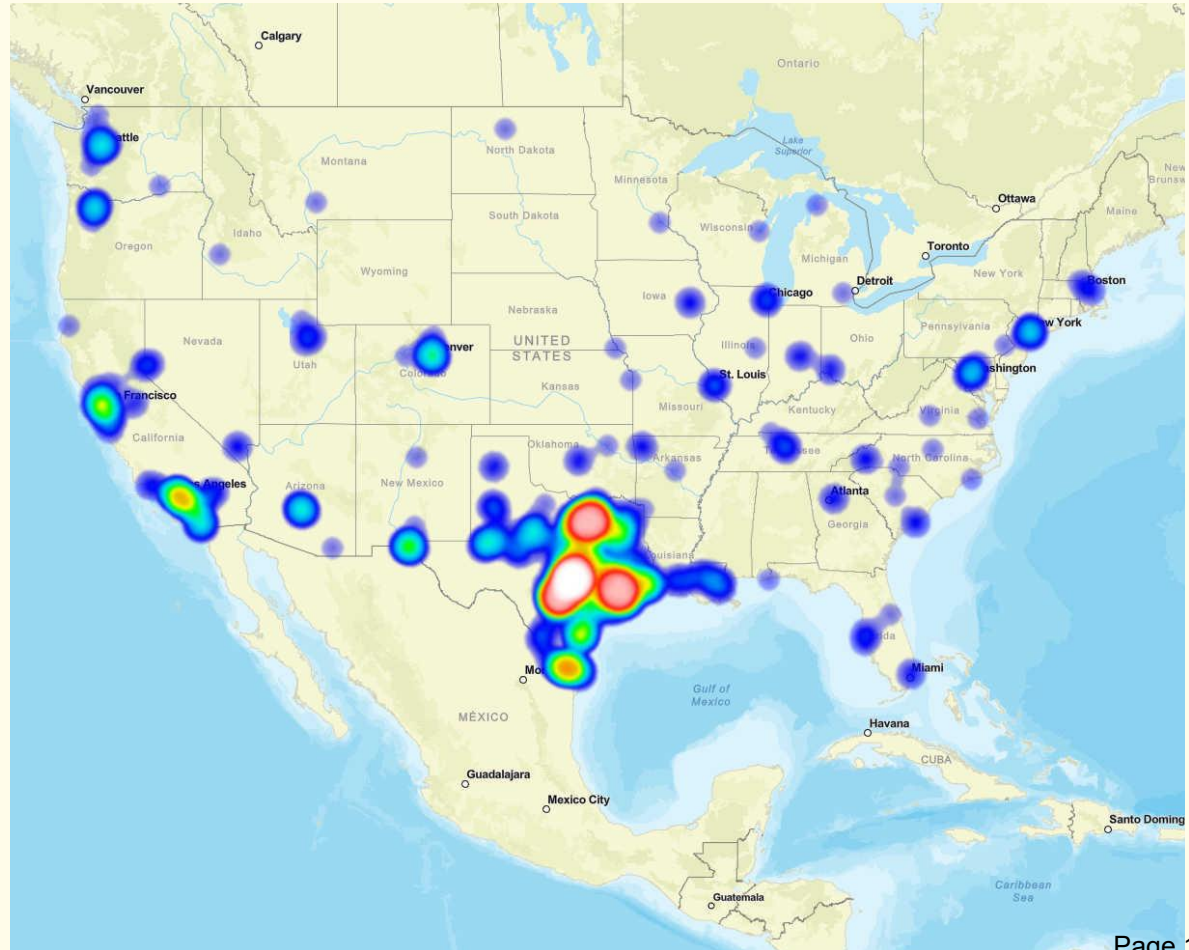
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- Connecticut
- South Dakota
- Wyoming



Visitors

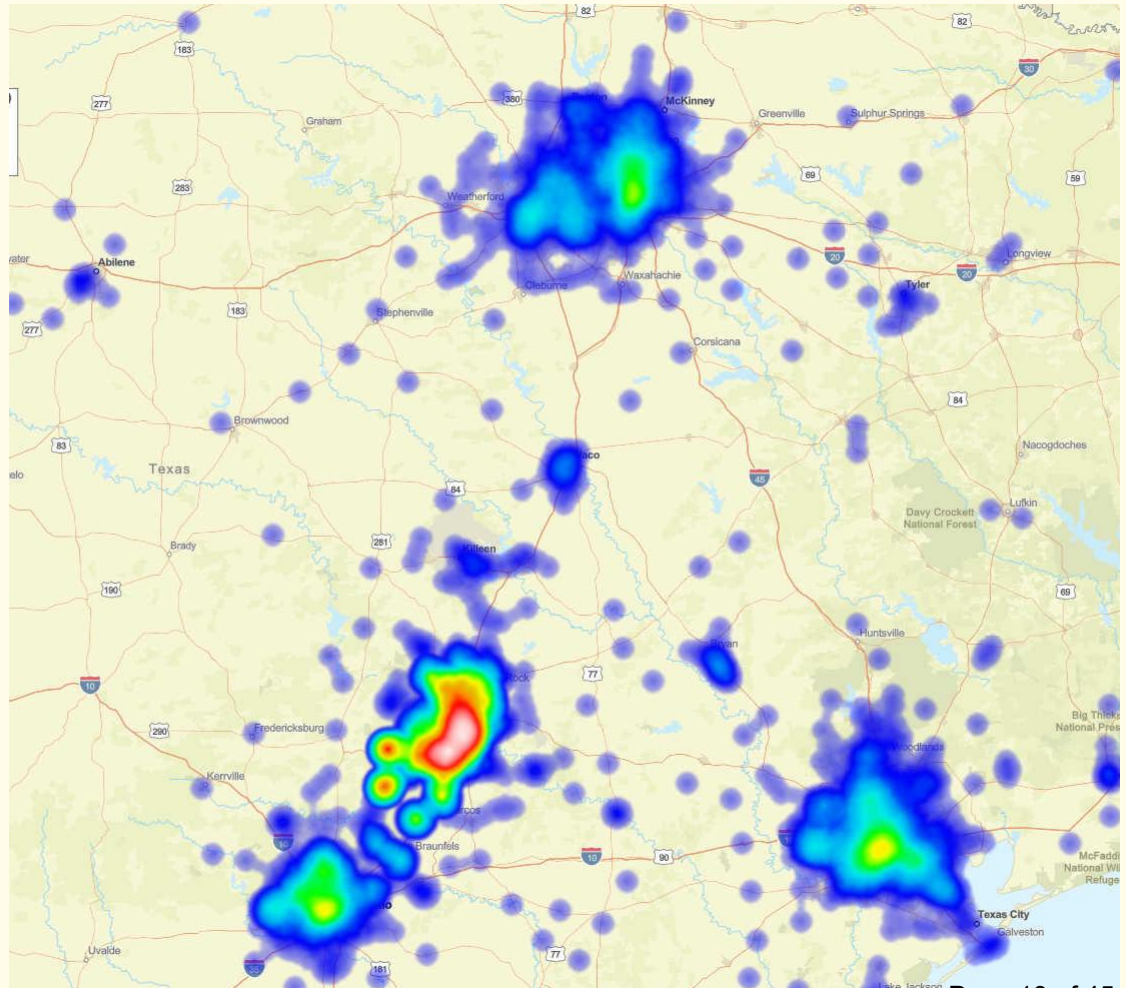
OTHER COUNTRIES VISITORS CAME FROM

- Brazil
- Chile
- Portugal
- UK
- France
- Netherlands
- Germany
- Switzerland
- Italy
- Poland
- Ukraine
- Israel
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates
- India
- China
- Japan
- Australia
- New Zealand



Visitors

78704	South River City (Austin)
78745	Garrison Park (Austin)
78620	Dripping Springs
78676	Wimberley
78748	Manchaca
78723	Windsor Park (Austin)
78702	Central East Austin
78749	Sunset Valley (Austin)
78737	Bear Creek (Austin)
78613	Cedar Park



Staffing

5

Year Round
Park Supervisors

5

Seasonal
Park Supervisors

5

Seasonal
Park Attendants

4,885 hours



A photograph of two deer in a field with a wooden fence. A large, light yellow number '3' is overlaid on the image. The deer are in a grassy field with a rustic wooden fence made of logs. One deer is partially obscured by the fence, and the other is a spotted fawn standing in the foreground.

3

**Number of times EMS responded to
Blue Hole this summer**

Weather



August 21st, 2025



102.4 °F
08/29



45.5 °F
05/12



80.8 °F
AVERAGE

May 2025

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

4.29 inches

June 2025

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

4 inches

July 2025

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1.54 inches

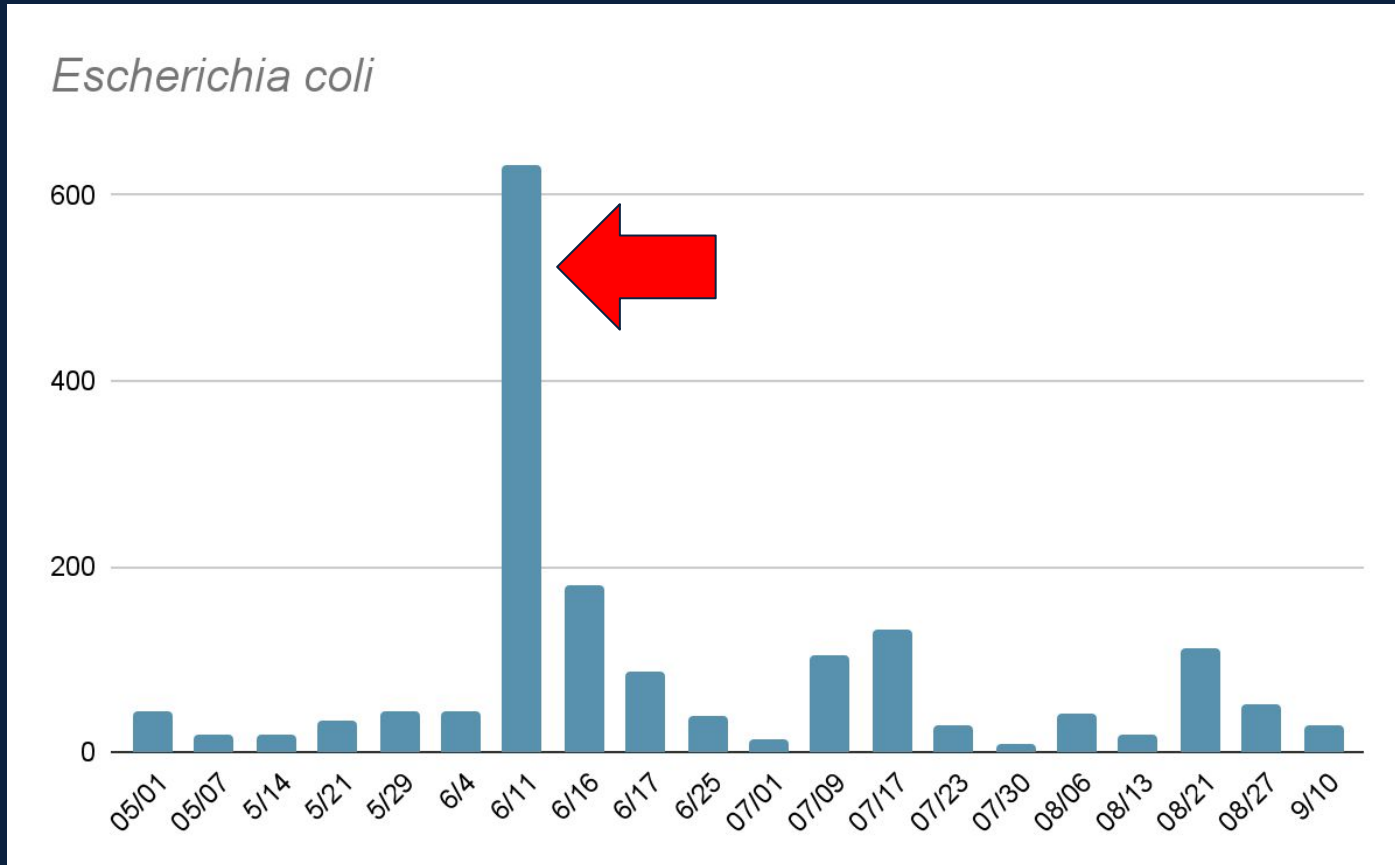


August 2025

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

3.11 inches

Water Quality

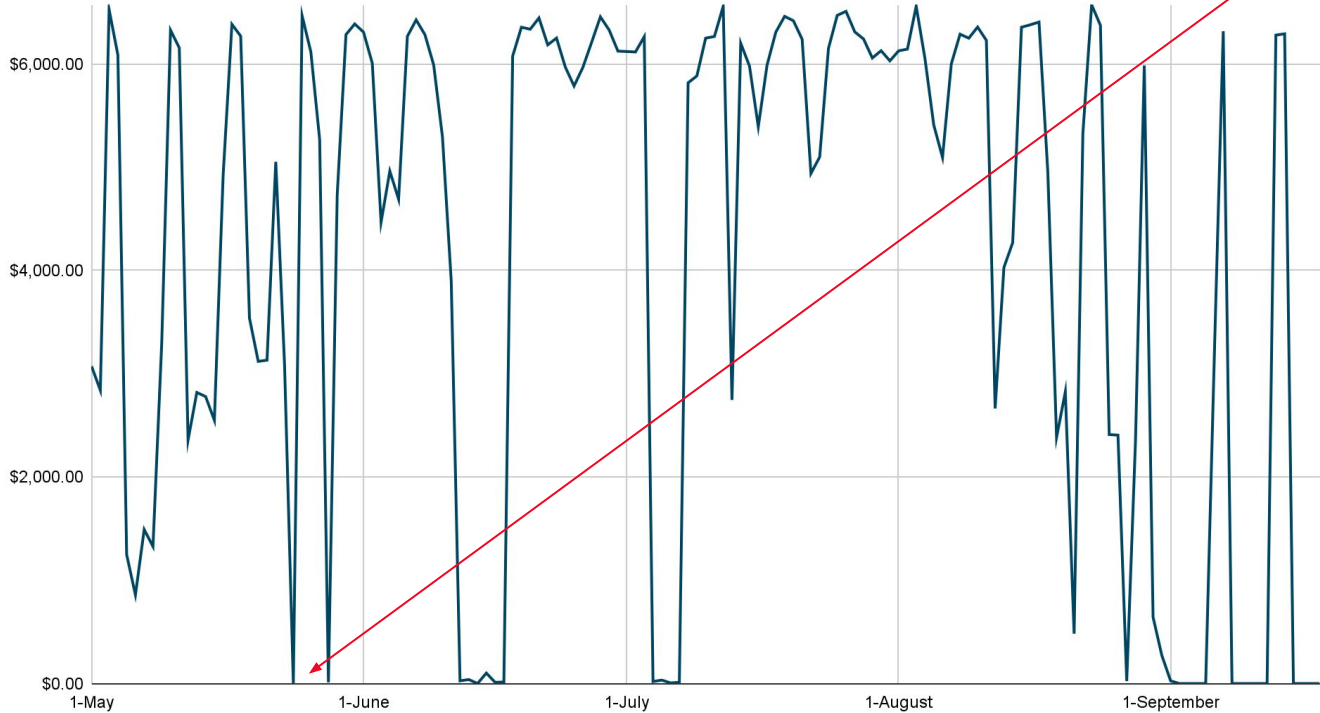




June 12th, 2025

Major Closures

2025 Swim Season

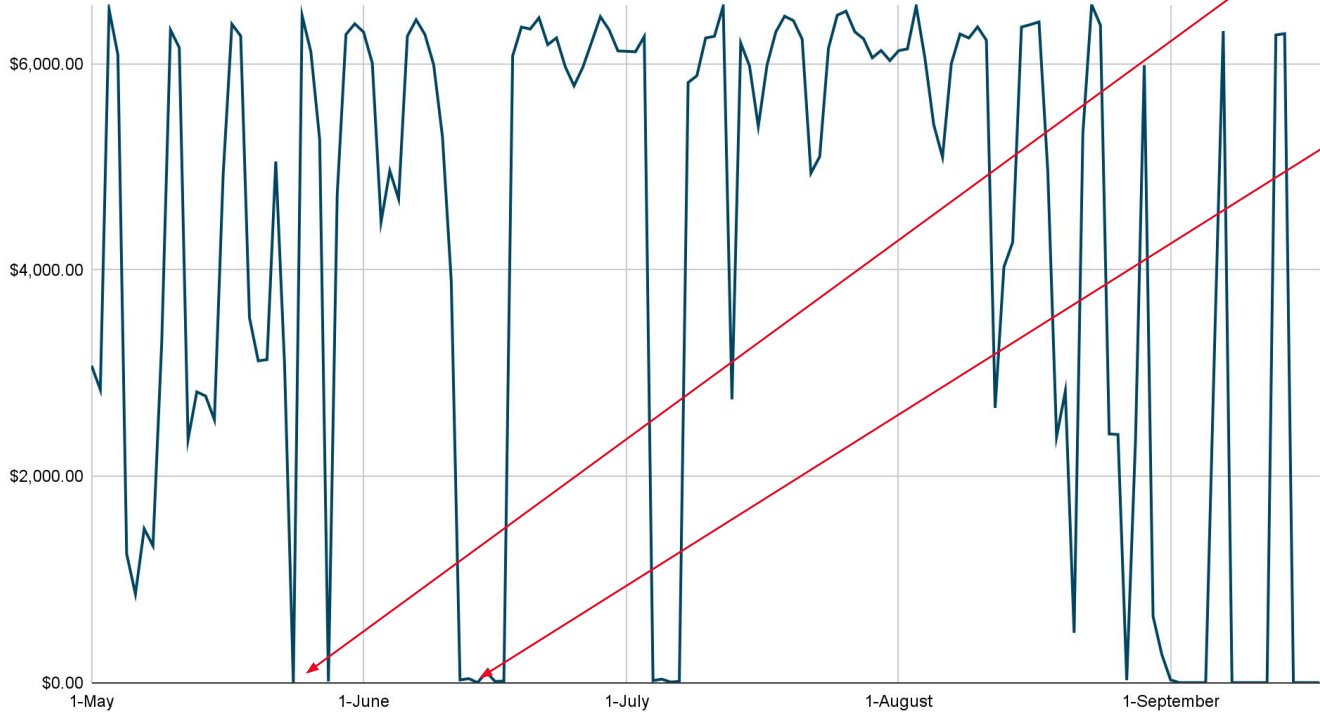


- May 24
Concert
Rain on 28th
- June 12
- July 4
- Aug 29



Major Closures

2025 Swim Season



- **May 24**
Concert
Rain on 28th
- **June 12**
Flooding with delayed clarity return
- **July 4**
- **Aug 29**



June 12th, 2025



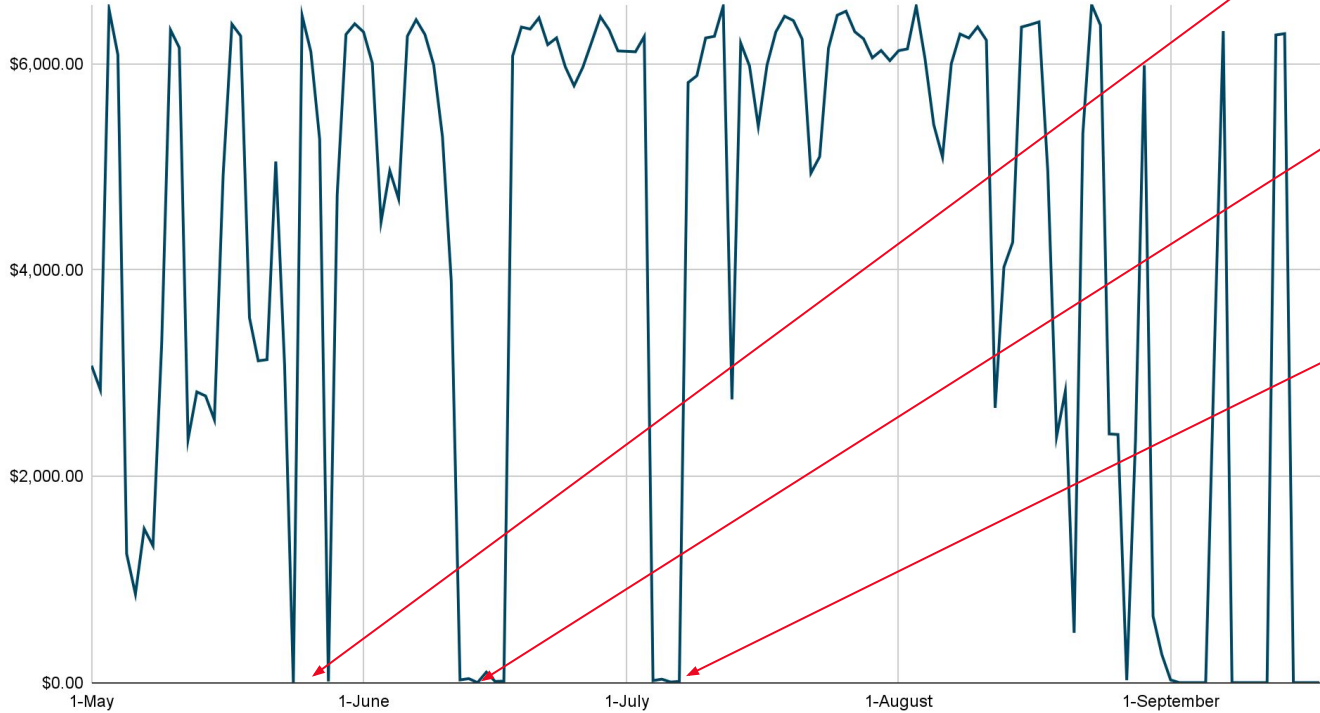
June 12th, 2025



June 12th, 2025

Major Closures

2025 Swim Season



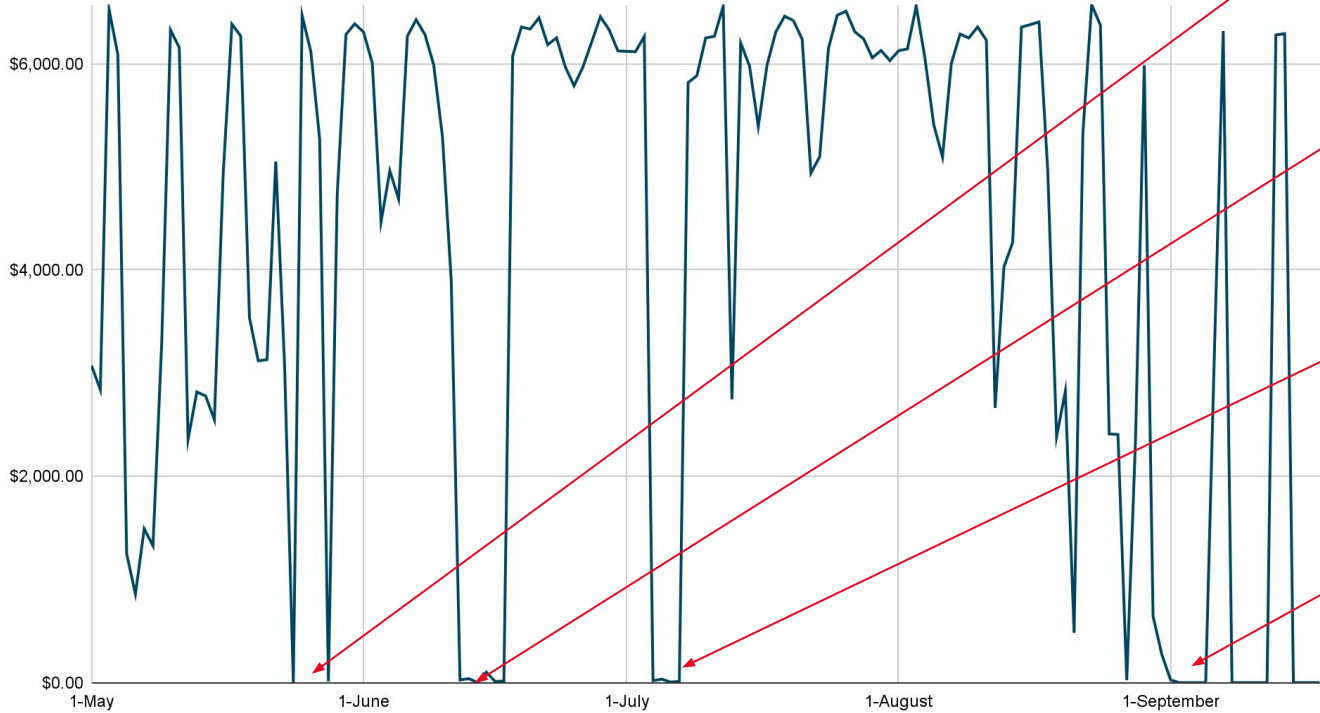
- **May 24**
Concert
Rain on 28th
- **June 12**
Flooding with delayed clarity return
- **July 4**
Rain and flooding events
- **Aug 29**



July 3rd, 2025

Major Closures

2025 Swim Season



- **May 24**
Concert
Rain on 28th
- **June 12**
Flooding with delayed clarity return
- **July 4**
Rain and flooding events
- **Aug 29**
Cloudburst with severe straight line winds
Major water leak two days prior



August 29th, 2025



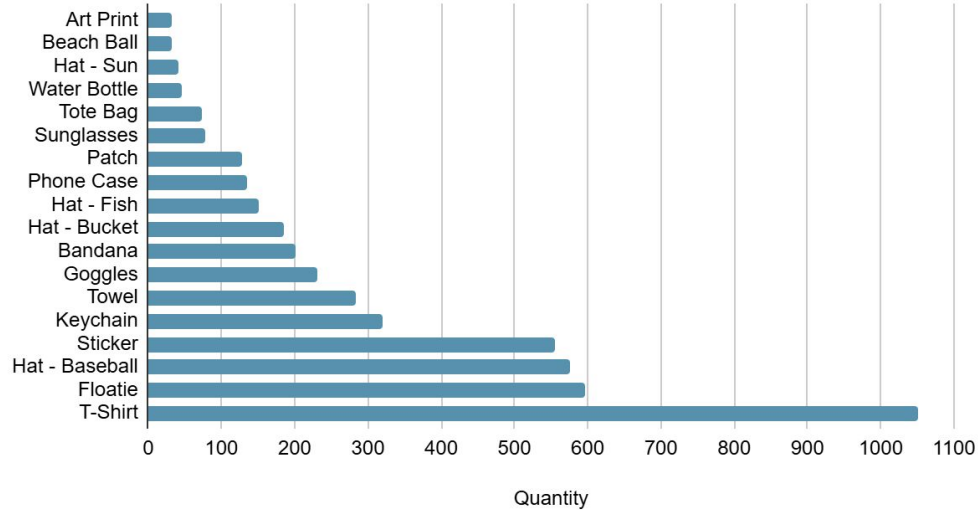
August 29th, 2025



August 29th, 2025

Merch

2025 Blue Hole Merch Quantity



T-Shirt	\$21,550
Floatie	\$9,328
Baseball Hat	\$8,198
Sticker	\$4,941
Towel	\$4,504

\$58,231
Total



Revenue

	Gross	Processing Fees	Refunds	Net	# of Customers
Half Day Passes	\$628,999	-\$19,051	-\$114,092	\$495,856	68,627
Season Passes	\$45,525	-\$926	-\$925	\$43,674	402
Retail	\$58,231	-\$2,286	-\$137	\$55,808	6,758



Questions, comments, concerns?



AGENDA ITEM:	1. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) to update the playground at Martha Knies Community Park.
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	09/23/2025
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ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Images of proposed playgrounds have been attached, but are also found below, by clicking on the links.

<https://kompan.box.com/s/ul2xg847byzayyu81bhzetqniy4oa4jd>
 Cubite Option (Combination Age 2 to 5 and 5 to 12)
 Estimated Turnkey Price (excluding demo and drainage) \$118,000

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 Town Moments Option - Age 2 to 5
 Estimated Turnkey Price (excluding demo and drainage) \$95,500

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 Red Shouldered Hawk - Initial Sketch Design - Age 5 to 12
 Estimated Price \$111,500 (equipment only)

INITIAL SKETCH

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 Red Shoulder Hawk Eggs - Age 2 - 5
 Estimated Price \$19,800 (equipment only)



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Estimated turnkey price for Hawk and Eggs (excluding demo and drainage) \$203,000

Note: The eggs will take up the space where the red bud tree is, so the red bud would need to be transplanted to the other side of the walk in the small open space.

Since this tree is small, the success rate of transplanting is high.

If the speckled tot eggs are not included, the estimated turnkey price reduces by approximately \$27,000.

Official quotes are provided at the next stage with the production of 2D CAD files for construction and final design work on the custom options. Discounts will be applied via Omnia or Buyboard purchasing co-ops at this time.

Demo and drainage costs may be added, per installer quotes, at this time as well.

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None



AGENDA ITEM:	2. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding the spray field at Blue Hole.
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	09/23/2025
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1. Park Map
2. Discussion





Blue Hole Playground

Blue hole
Swimming Area

Blue Hole
Regional Park



AGENDA ITEM:	3. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding a stage at Oak Park.
SUBMITTED BY:	
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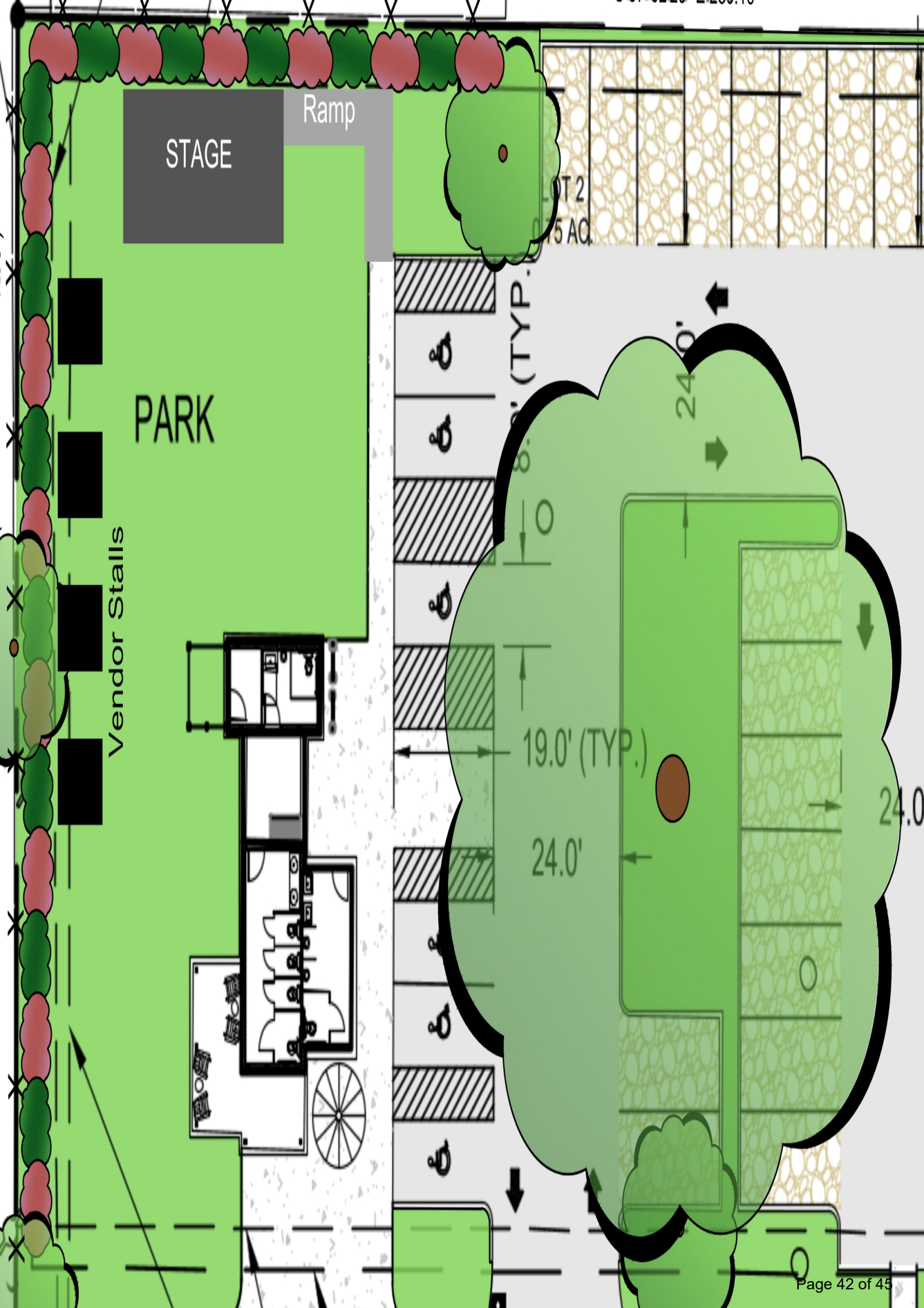
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1. STAGE



STAGE

Ramp

PARK

Vendor Stalls

WT 2
15 AC.

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8.0' (TYP.)

19.0' (TYP.)

24.0'

24.0'

24.0'



AGENDA ITEM:	4. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.
SUBMITTED BY:	Richard Shaver
DATE SUBMITTED:	09/23/2025
MEETING DATE:	October 8, 2025

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This is an opportunity to review the Master Plan that was adopted last year and provide any feedback.

Priorities:

1. Trails & Trail Connectivity
2. Land Acquisition
3. Site Furniture: Shade, Benches, Picnic Tables, etc.
4. Preservation & Conservation of Natural Resources
5. Aquatic Recreation (Water Access)
6. Signage: Interpretive, Informational, Wayfinding, etc.
7. Play Equipment
8. Multi-Generational Center: Nature, Senior, Recreational, etc.
9. Multi-Purpose Fields
10. Public Art

NRPA Standards:

Health and Wellness

- Identity partnerships to assist with improving the health of the local community - Initiated a partnership with WISD to create a Suicide Awareness Walk.

Conservation

- Observe Arbor Day through Council proclamation.
- Partner with wildlife agencies to conduct biological inventories - Partnered with Texas Nature Trackers to monitor the bat population at PGR.

Social Equity

- Support policies that improve access to Parks and Recreation facilities - Installed new facility rules and regulations signs in English and Spanish. PARD website can be translated into 240 languages.

- Engage with all ethnic community members by recognizing and celebrating their heritages and holidays - Identifying opportunities to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos with a community ofrenda.
- Improve accessibility of trails - Completed the BHRP Hike and Bike trail improvement project, installed an ADA ramp at PARD office, installed an ADA push plate for the front doors.

Goals & Objectives

- To provide new and unique recreational opportunities
- Be proactive in acquiring new land to be utilized for recreational purpose - Oak Park, Open Space Advisory sub-committee
- Renovate, Rehabilitate, and Upgrade existing parks and recreational facilities - Community Center AV equipment, MKCP playground
- Maximize funding through bonds, grants, and donations to fund park developments & enhancements - TPWD Trail Grant, TPWD Local Communities Grant, LCRA Grant
- Limit development in natural open spaces - Adopted Parkland Dedication Ordinance
- Conserve water - MKCP water cistern, BHRP water cistern, Oak Park water cistern
- Expand trail and sidewalk systems - Wimberley Valley Trails project - 3237 sidewalk, Old Kyle Road development
- Adult and Youth Athletics - Introduced Wimberley Adult Sport League
- Aquatics - Aquatic Feasibility Study

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None



AGENDA ITEM:	5. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action related to the Blue Hole Nature Center.
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