



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, JULY 8, 2026 - 4:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** July 8, 2026, 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. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 - 4.1. Consider the appointment of a Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending June 30, 2027.
 - 4.2. Consider the appointment of a Vice-Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending June 30, 2027.
 - 4.3. Consider the appointment of a Secretary to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending June 30, 2027.
5. **MINUTES**
 - 5.1. Consider approval of minutes from the May 13, 2026 and June 10, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.
6. **CITY STAFF REPORT**
 - 6.1. Park Staff Report
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - 7.1. Discussion related to the Martha Knies Community Playground. (Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resources and Maintenance Manager)

- 7.2. Discuss the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve Erosion and Trail Improvement Project (*Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resources and Maintenance Manager*)
- 7.3. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. (Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resources and Maintenance Manager)

8. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- 8.1. Announcements
- 8.2. Future Agenda Items

9. **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, June 30, 2026 by 4:00 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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AGENDA ITEM:	1. Consider the appointment of a Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending June 30, 2027.
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/03/2026
MEETING DATE:	July 8, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Board Code of Ordinance outlines the purpose, duties, composition and officers of the board. The staff is seeking appointment of the Chair.

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None



AGENDA ITEM:	2. Consider the appointment of a Vice-Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending June 30, 2027.
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/03/2026
MEETING DATE:	July 8, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Board Code of Ordinance outlines the purpose, duties, composition and officers of the board. The staff is seeking the appointment of a vice-chair.

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None



AGENDA ITEM:	3. Consider the appointment of a Secretary to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending June 30, 2027.
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/03/2026
MEETING DATE:	July 8, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 - 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 4:38 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Present: Lori Olson, Amy Crowell, Anthony Deringer, Leah Cuddeback, Rachel Buchanan

Absent: LeeAnn Linam, Lin Weber

A quorum was established.

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens signed up to speak. The Board proceeded to regular business.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the April 8, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was made by Rachel Buchanan and seconded by Leah Cuddeback. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CITY STAFF REPORT

5.1. Parks Director Report

Parks and Recreation Director Erica Flocke presented the following updates:

Swim Season: Swim season opened May 1. The first day was affected by minor flooding and cold temperatures, requiring the cancellation and refund of all AM and PM reservations. A subsequent PM closure occurred on May 9 due to lightning in the area. Year-to-date swim

reservations stand at 12,455, compared to 14,596 at the same point last year; however, due to increased pricing, revenue is approximately \$10,000 ahead of last year. The current water level at Blue Hole is 35 inches, up from approximately 29 inches in early April.

Camp Registration: Registration is trailing behind prior-year benchmarks. Nature Camp is at approximately 60% capacity (266 of 440 slots), and Wimberley Summer Camp is at 33% capacity. At the same point last year, Nature Camp was at 84% and Summer Camp at 52%. Staff attributed the decline to increased competition from other local camp programs, including Camp Community and Project Art. Sponsored advertising on Facebook and Instagram has been deployed to boost enrollment.

Road Maintenance and Safety: Staff installed six speed bumps throughout the park—positioned in front of every crosswalk—to address vehicle speeding concerns. All crosswalks and directional arrows were repainted, and new parking stops were installed in the swim lot.

Aquatic Feasibility Study: Several stakeholder meetings have been held with members of the Parks Board, City Council, the YMCA, and Wimberley ISD. A public survey has closed with almost 400 responses received, generating nearly 90 pages of data. Director Flocke indicated she intends to present the full survey results at the next meeting. Board members briefly discussed the absence of a specific question regarding rainwater use, though it was noted the topic appears within written comments.

Programs and Events: Recent programming highlights included Concerts in the Park (over 1,500 total attendees across four concerts, two of which were partially rained out), a sold-out Birds and Brew walk (20 participants), a rescheduled Star Party (approximately 150 attendees), and the Migratory Bird Day Festival (60 attendees). Upcoming May events include Firefly Watch (May 15 and 29), a Community Garage Sale (May 16), Owl Prowl (May 22), a Guided Hike (May 23), and the start of Nature Camp (May 25). The Board was advised that programming activity typically decreases significantly once summer camp begins, with a resumption of regular programming updates anticipated in September.

Blue Hole Nature Center: The project has advanced from the design development phase into the construction documents phase. The building design has achieved an energy net-zero designation, which will be highlighted with dedicated signage. Director Flocke committed to sharing updated design drawings with the Board either at the next meeting or via email prior to that date.

Budget: information will be presented at the June meeting.

Wildlife: Golden-cheeked warbler surveys were conducted twice in April at Blue Hole, with no confirmed sightings during either survey, though the species is heard regularly on the property. A nesting pair of barred owls was also noted on the swim lawn and observed frequently by staff and visitors.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6.1. Discuss regional parks, trails, connectivity, and land acquisition efforts, including Hays County priorities and potential opportunities for collaboration with the City of Wimberley

Karl Flocke, Director of Parks and Natural Resources for Hays County, addressed the Board. He provided an overview of the county's current parks landscape and ongoing efforts, and engaged in an extended discussion with Board members on regional trail connectivity.

Hays County Parks Overview: Director Flocke noted that the county's parks master plan dates to 2011 and is significantly out of date. A request has been submitted within the upcoming budget to fund a new countywide parks master plan. The 2020 countywide parks and open space bond, from which the Blue Hole Nature Center is a recipient, has funded 36 projects countywide, with only approximately half of those funds expended to date. Key county projects include Sentinel Peak Preserve, the Limestone Link Natural Area, Capes Pond Park, and the Hays County Sportsplex. Several projects within the bond program remain partially funded and are largely awaiting TPWD grant awards to close funding gaps.

Sentinel Peak Preserve: Director Flocke reported that construction is actively underway. Demolition is complete, and utilities including water, septic, and electrical lines have been installed. Foundation work is in progress, with pouring expected to begin imminently. Planned structures include an entry guard shack/ticket booth, a main visitor center complex (comprising a visitor center, bathroom facilities, small event space, office and lab space, and maintenance area), and an elevated riverside bathroom facility. Access is planned as day-use reservation only, with operating hours of approximately 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Limited overnight use may be permitted for organized groups such as Boy Scouts to honor the site's historical character. Kayaking and canoeing access is intended, subject to river conditions, and a designated swimming area with boat exclusion is planned. The property encompasses 533 acres. Due to its location within the Habitat Conservation Plan area and associated conservation easements, trails will be open for unrestricted public traversal only from September through February; during spring and summer months, trail access will be limited to guided tours with a maximum group size of ten people.

Regional Trail Connectivity: Board members expressed strong interest in regional trail connectivity, noting it as a top priority in the city's parks master plan. Director Flocke discussed active efforts, largely led by the Great Springs Project and Hill Country Conservancy, to advance a regional trail network. The Violet Crown Trail is approaching the northern edge of Hays County and is expected to extend southward toward Austin Water lands. Further extensions toward Ranch Road 12 and connections into Buda and toward McKinney Falls are also under consideration. The county is currently working on a trail easement connecting Hilliard Road through Freeman Ranch and La Cima properties to Ranch Road 12. Director Flocke acknowledged that this regional network has not yet

meaningfully extended toward Wimberley or Dripping Springs, but expressed interest in exploring westward expansion in future discussions with the Great Springs Project.

Board members raised the prospect of a connector trail linking Wimberley to the Freeman Ranch corridor, potentially via the Fulton Ranch Road area. The feasibility of extending the existing hike-and-bike trail network—including completing a sidewalk connection along Woodcreek Drive—was also discussed. Director Flocke indicated that the City of Woodcreek would need to champion that effort within their jurisdiction, and that CAMPO (the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) multimodal grants could be a relevant funding mechanism, typically requiring a 20% local match.

The Board noted the existence of a historical Wimberley Valley Trails vision map that has previously informed the city's parks master plan and the Resilient Community Master Plan but expressed difficulty in locating the original source document. Director Flocke suggested reaching out to former county staff member Lon Shell, as well as to Langford (the planning consultant), who may retain copies. The Board expressed consensus that preserving and furthering that regional vision remains a priority and discussed the value of maintaining trail connectivity as a standing item on future agendas to ensure continued focus.

No formal action was taken on this item.

6.2. Discuss, consider and make a recommendation for the Martha Knies Playground Fundraising paver design options and pricing structure

Director Erica Flocke reported that the city's application for an LCRA grant to fund the Martha Knies Playground renovation was unsuccessful, necessitating a community fundraising effort. The total project cost is \$250,000, with \$50,000 already committed by Keep Wimberley Beautiful, leaving a \$200,000 gap to address.

Staff presented a proposed engraved paver fundraising program. The proposed area encompasses approximately 85 square feet of pathway from the main trail to the pavilion at Martha Knies Park, with two additional side arms available to expand capacity if demand warrants. Three paver sizes were presented with the following proposed pricing: small pavers at \$300 each (capacity of approximately 120), medium pavers at \$1,000 each (capacity of approximately 50), and large pavers at \$2,500 each (capacity of approximately 10). Based on this structure, maximum revenue from paver sales within the defined area was estimated at approximately \$111,000. Pavers would be installed by city maintenance staff.

The Board acknowledged that paver sales alone are unlikely to close the full \$200,000 gap and discussed supplementing the effort with direct donations, business partnerships, and potentially city budget funds. Suggestions included creating a dedicated landing page and QR code for the campaign through Friends of Wimberley Parks, allowing donors to either purchase a paver or make a general donation to the specific project. Board members also suggested reaching out to businesses in and around the downtown square—who stand to directly benefit from the park improvement—to explore point-of-sale fundraising such as

register round-ups or percentage-of-sales contributions. The Board noted that the Friends of Wimberley Parks would serve as the fundraising arm for the project.

Regarding paver aesthetics, the Board discussed color and engraving options. Consensus was reached on beige-colored pavers with black engraving. The Board also approved the option to allow clip art on pavers, as offered through the paver vendor's platform.

A motion to move forward with the permeable paver fundraiser for the Martha Knies Park, using beige-colored pavers with black engraving, at the pricing structure of \$300 (small), \$1,000 (medium), and \$2,500 (large), with clip art permitted, and in coordination with Friends of Wimberley Parks, was made by Board Member Lori Olson and seconded by Board Member Rachel Buchanan. The motion carried unanimously.

6.3. Discuss, consider and make a recommendation for approval of engaging MHS Planning to provide grant writing services for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Recreation Grant

Director Erica Flocke presented a proposal from MHS Planning to provide grant writing services for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Indoor Recreation Grant—a \$1,500,000 grant program intended to help fund the Blue Hole Nature Center indoor facility. MHS Planning previously wrote the city's successful TPWD Outdoor Recreation Grant application, which was awarded at \$750,000 and required no upfront payment, with MHS receiving 4% of the awarded amount upon success.

For the current grant cycle, MHS is proposing an upfront retainer of \$11,500, plus 3% of any awarded amount (totaling approximately \$56,500 if the full \$1,500,000 is awarded). Director Flocke noted that, after negotiation, MHS reduced their fee from a higher initial proposal to the current figure. The firm cited the greater complexity and length of the indoor recreation grant application—described as potentially approaching hundreds of pages—as justification for the upfront payment, along with the financial risk they absorbed on the previous engagement.

Several Board members expressed initial concern about the total fee level, and questions were raised about whether competitive bids should be solicited. Director Flocke clarified that the \$11,500 upfront portion falls below the city's bid threshold, and the city administrator confirmed the amount is within administrative purview, though council buy-in was also being sought. It was further noted that the application window opened May 1 and closes August 3, leaving limited time to seek alternative proposals. The Board ultimately accepted that MHS's familiarity with the city's parks infrastructure and prior experience with the same grant program justified the engagement under the current timeline.

A motion to recommend approval of engaging MHS Planning to provide grant writing services for the TPWD Indoor Recreation Grant, at a fee of \$11,500 upfront plus 3% of any awarded amount, as outlined in the presented contract, was made by Board Member Leah Cuddeback and seconded by Board Member Lori Olson. The motion carried unanimously.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

7.1. Announcements

The next Regular Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

7.2. Future Agenda Items

Board members discussed the possibility of a future agenda item related to long-term grant funding strategy and the potential value of identifying a consultant or resource capable of supporting the city's broader grant writing needs across departments. It was noted that this topic may be more appropriate as a city-level initiative rather than a parks board agenda item. Director Flocke indicated she would ensure the standing parks master plan update item returns to future agendas, under which trail connectivity and funding discussions could continue to be addressed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Lori Olson and seconded by Board Member Anthony Deringer. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

RECORDED BY:

PARB Secretary or Staff Liaison

APPROVED BY:

PARB Chairperson





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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 - 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Present: Lee Ann Linam, Lin Weber, Leah Cuddeback, Amy Crowell, Lori Olson

Absent: Rachel Buchanan, Anthony Deringer (both provided advanced notice)

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens signed up to address the Board.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the May 13, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks Director Erica Flocke reported that one correction had been made to the draft minutes, consisting of a spelling correction to Board Member Lori Olson's last name, and confirmed that the revision had been incorporated. No additional corrections were identified.

Board Members Lin Weber and Lee Ann Linam recused themselves from consideration of the minutes due to their absence from the May 13, 2026 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, as corrected, was made by Lori Olson and seconded by Leah Cuddeback.

Due to the recusals of Lin Weber and Lee Ann Linam, a quorum was not present to act on the motion. Consideration of the minutes was therefore postponed until the next regular meeting.

5. CITY STAFF REPORT

5.1. Parks Director report

Parks Director Erica Flocke provided the following updates:

Wimberley Blue Hole Swimming: The swim season has been highly successful so far. No refund-qualifying closures (defined as two or more hours of closure) have occurred since the May 9th Parks Board meeting. Approximately 28,000 swim tickets have been sold to date, with 912 individual swimmers and 54 sold-out time slots recorded. Saturday time slots are sold out through August. Water levels are currently at 36 inches, up from 29 inches at the start of April.

Camp Registration: Nature Camp is at 80% capacity and is expected to continue filling, as late registration tends to increase in the weeks prior to each session. Summer Camp at the Community Center is at 45% capacity (approximately 80 of 176 available slots). Individual weeks with insufficient enrollment are canceled with one week's notice; families are offered placement in Nature Camp if space is available. Staff noted that the two programs are anticipated to be consolidated once the Blue Hole Nature Center is complete, as that facility will provide both air-conditioned space and access to natural programming.

Programs and Events: Programming is scaled back in June to allow staff to focus on camps. Upcoming June programming includes a Firefly Watch on June 19th, which is already sold out at 30 participants. Notable May program highlights included a community garage sale with 22 tables sold, four weeks of bocce ball with four out of five teams participating, two sold-out Owl Prowls (20 participants each), a Migratory Bird Day event with 45 registrants, a sold-out Firefly Watch, Super Dimension Gaming at the Community Center, and a guided hike with 27 participants.

Aquatic Feasibility Study: Data collection is approximately 40% complete and public input is approximately 60% complete. A separate agenda item was reserved to discuss survey findings.

Blue Hole Nature Center: The project remains in the construction documents phase. Parks Director Flocke reported a new partnership with Delta Millworks for sourcing reclaimed and specialty wood for the building's exterior, including wood with historical significance such as flood cypress. Discussions are ongoing regarding substituting the originally planned HardiePlank siding with a higher-quality natural wood product within the existing budget. Board member Lin Weber noted that any material change should be evaluated for potential insurance implications.

Martha Knies Playground Fundraising: A dedicated fundraising website has been built and is hosted within the City's parks web presence. The site features photographs of the existing damaged playground alongside renderings of the replacement equipment and will

include links for brick paver purchases (to be processed through the Friends of Wimberley Parks group) and general monetary donations. Board Member Leah Cuddeback and absent member Anthony Deringer are collaborating with staff on a community fundraising event tentatively planned for the week of August 21st, with Thursday evening discussed as a preferred date to target local residents before weekend visitor traffic. Proposed elements include a block party format, participation by neighboring businesses, a raffle with donated prizes, and a printed shirt featuring a red-shouldered hawk design. The new playground is expected to be installed by the end of September, with brick paver installation anticipated in October. The website and donation links will be activated once the brick paver ordering system is finalized with the Friends group.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6.1. Receive a presentation regarding recent updates and activities at the Patsy Glenn Refuge

Don Locke, Hays County Master Naturalist and Project Coordinator for the Patsy Glenn Refuge and Cypress Creek Nature Preserve, presented a summary of recent activities and improvements at the Patsy Glenn Refuge.

Project FeederWatch: The refuge completed 21 two-day bird counts for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's national FeederWatch program, yielding data on 29 bird species. This program supports national research on flight paths, species decline, and disease presence.

Bird Viewing Station Interpretive Sign: A new sign documenting the history of the bird viewing station — including its origins as an Eagle Scout project and its ongoing maintenance by the Birding Society and Master Naturalists — is in progress. Mr. Locke noted the sign had to be returned to the fabricator after a name was found to be misspelled in two locations.

Stone Bench Installation: The Wimberley Birding Society organized the installation of three new native stone benches in an expanded group seating area near the bird blind, replacing isolated individual benches, in response to increased family and multigenerational visitor use. A board member suggested adding signage encouraging quiet in the area given its proximity to the bird blind.

Robert Curry Memorial Stone Sign: The Birding Society has ordered a stone monument sign honoring Robert Curry, who served as Project Coordinator and Vice President of the Birding Society for approximately 14 years. Installation is forthcoming, and a dedication event is anticipated.

HEB Pollinator Garden Grant: The Hays County Master Naturalist chapter submitted a countywide application under HEB's annual pollinator grant program. Wimberley is slated to receive funding for three sites: Wimberley United Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and the Patsy Glenn Refuge. If awarded, the grant would double the size of the existing pollinator garden at the refuge. Results are expected around August 1st. Board Member Lin Weber assisted with species selection and ID tag pricing.

Bat Acoustic Monitoring: The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Hays County Master Naturalists completed annual acoustic bat monitoring at the refuge. Four species were definitively identified: the hoary bat, the Seminole bat, the evening bat, and the Mexican free-tailed bat.

Roving Trail Ambassador Program: Mr. Locke described a proposed initiative to deploy trained Master Naturalist volunteers as roving trail ambassadors on weekends at Wimberley's parks and trails, particularly Cypress Creek Nature Preserve, which receives significant visitor traffic. Volunteers would engage visitors informally, sharing information about each property's ecological significance. Board members expressed strong support for the concept, noting that many visitors — particularly weekend tourists — are unfamiliar with the trail system and could benefit from informal interpretation.

The presentation prompted discussion regarding the condition of the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve trail, specifically erosion issues threatening a large cypress tree and the trail surface itself. Board members noted that this issue had been raised with previous park staff and that a stair-stepped stone pool design had been previously recommended to slow runoff from an uphill drainage pipe. It was acknowledged that the conservation easement held by the Hays County Watershed Association on the property creates constraints on interventions. The Board identified this as a matter to be brought forward as a future agenda item, with staff directed to engage Melissa Wolter, the county's new Cypress Creek watershed coordinator, and the Watershed Association to advance a collaborative remediation plan — particularly given planned construction activity at the adjacent Martha & East Park site. The potential for an accessible path to the creek was also noted as a related priority.

6.2. Discuss, consider and discuss findings from the Aquatic Feasibility Master Plan Community Survey

Parks Director Flocke presented the raw survey data from the Aquatic Feasibility Master Plan community survey, noting that the results have not yet been processed into findings by the consulting firm and that the final feasibility study report will include a full analysis.

The survey received approximately 390 responses — notably more than the Parks Master Plan survey — in part due to an outreach effort during a Concert in the Park event where staff distributed QR code handouts to attendees. Approximately 68% of respondents expressed support for a public aquatic facility. Top stated purposes were recreational swimming and fitness, with a children's pool and lap lanes ranking as the most desired amenity types. Interest in splash pad features was notably low. Approximately 25% of responses referenced the need for a facility to support the Wimberley school swim team, which currently buses approximately 15 students to the YMCA in Dripping Springs for practice. Concerns about water use and aquifer impact appeared frequently throughout the open-ended responses.

Board members engaged in substantive discussion regarding the limitations of the survey as currently structured. Key concerns included:

- **Funding questions lacked specificity.** Respondents largely preferred user fees and bonds to fund a facility but were not presented with realistic cost figures. Board members noted that the sales tax is fully allocated and that a bond still requires a revenue source for repayment, meaning respondents may not have understood the fiscal implications of their preferences.
- **Indoor vs. outdoor distinction was absent.** The survey did not differentiate between indoor and outdoor pool preferences, which represent significantly different construction costs, operational expenses, and water consumption profiles. Board members emphasized that these should be treated as distinct scenarios.
- **Water use should be foregrounded.** Multiple members stressed that annual evaporative water loss for a public pool — estimated to equal the full volume of the pool per year — is a significant community concern given local aquifer pressures, and that this information should be presented to the public in any future engagement.
- **Public engagement should be informed, not open-ended.** Board members expressed a preference for the next phase of public input to present specific, comparable scenarios (e.g., indoor vs. outdoor pool of a defined size, with associated construction costs, operating costs, required daily attendance, and water usage) rather than soliciting general opinions. The Board requested that Parks Director Flocke convey this feedback to the consulting firm, with the suggestion that scenario-based presentations be incorporated into any forthcoming public forum — ideally at the midway or two-thirds point of the study, not solely at the conclusion.

Board members also discussed land availability as a major constraint, noting that the city does not own suitable parcels in most locations cited by survey respondents. The area near the school district's primary campus and adjacent athletic fields was identified as the most plausible location if land partnership could be arranged. The potential for a partnership with the school district and other community organizations was discussed as likely necessary for any viable path forward.

6.3. Discuss, consider and review the Fiscal Year 2027 Parks and Recreation Department Budget

Parks Director Flocke and City Administrator Tim Patek presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Parks and Recreation Department Budget for informational review. No action was required.

Key points included:

- The budget is structurally balanced with no significant programmatic changes proposed.
- The only revenue adjustment is a \$15 increase in Community Center rental fees across all rental categories, continuing the effort to reduce the operating deficit at that facility.
- A proposed 3% salary increase is included for all full time Parks and Recreation staff. City staff noted that employee health insurance costs increased by approximately \$4,500 per employee, representing an additional budgetary pressure.
- A grant expenditure line item is included as a placeholder for anticipated Hays County funding, to be formalized via budget amendment upon award. The timing of expenditure may extend into a subsequent fiscal year depending on the bidding schedule.

- The capital outlay line item on the park's side reflects the Martha Knies playground replacement. Staff noted that three related budget amendment items are anticipated to go before Council.
- Board members noted that the Community Center continues to operate at a significant deficit. Staff confirmed the roof needs full replacement, which would represent a substantial capital expenditure. Additionally, a lightning strike the prior Friday caused approximately \$6,000 in damage to the alarm/fire system; a claim is expected to be filed with the city's insurance carrier.
- The Community Center's decorative entry fountain was confirmed to be taken offline and is being considered for permanent removal, with plans to fill the basin and install plantings in its place.

6.4. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan

Parks Director Flocke led the Board in a standing review of progress against the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. Board members noted that several key recommendations are actively in progress, including the Martha Knies playground replacement and trail signage installation, which is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Discussion highlighted the "preserve park lands and conduct species inventory" recommendation. Board Member Lin Weber suggested making more deliberate use of existing platforms — specifically iNaturalist and eBird — to build and maintain species lists for Blue Hole Park and other city-managed properties, noting that a Blue Hole project already exists on iNaturalist. Members discussed promoting community participation in species data collection, potentially through social media outreach via the City's parks channels, and the possibility of displaying an up-to-date species list on the parks website accessible via QR code. The forthcoming Blue Hole Nature Center was identified as a future opportunity to present this data in an interactive or interpretive format.

The discussion returned to the trail and drainage improvements called for in the master plan for the Cypress Creek Nature Trail and Preserve, including boardwalks, wayfinding and interpretive signage, and stormwater management. Board members reaffirmed the importance of advancing the erosion remediation effort at the preserve before construction at the adjacent Martha Knies site changes drainage patterns. The Board requested that this matter be placed on a future agenda, and Parks Director Flocke committed to connecting with Melissa Wolter, Cypress Creek watershed coordinator. Staff was also directed to engage the Hays County Watershed Association, given the conservation easement on the property, and to explore a collaborative, multi-party approach to funding and executing the improvements. An accessible path to the creek was again noted as a desired companion improvement.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

7.1. Announcements

Board Member Lori Olson reported using her Blue Hole Park swim pass for the first time and noted the process was smooth. Members who had not yet received their passes were directed to contact staff for reissuance from the parks department email.

Board Member Lin Weber noted that the wildflowers at Blue Hole Park are currently in exceptional bloom, highlighted by standing cypress, bee balm, Ruellia, Verbena, and silverleaf nightshade, with some standing cypress specimens reaching approximately five feet in height.

The Board confirmed that the next regular meeting remains scheduled for July 8, 2026, with Parks Director Flocke noting she will be absent and that Bryce Burkhalter will provide staff coverage.

7.2. Future Agenda Items

The Board identified the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve erosion and trail improvement project as a future agenda item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Lori Olson and seconded by Lin Weber. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

RECORDED BY:

PARB Secretary

APPROVED BY:

PARB Chairperson





AGENDA ITEM:	1. Park Staff Report
SUBMITTED BY:	Erica Flocke
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/11/2026
MEETING DATE:	July 8, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

- Swim reservations
- Water levels
- Camp registration
- Programs and events in June
- Programs and events updates from May
- Aquatic Feasibility Study update
- Blue Hole Nature Center updates
- Martha Knies playground fundraising effort

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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None



AGENDA ITEM:	1. Discussion related to the Martha Knies Community Playground. <i>(Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resources and Maintenance Manager)</i>
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/23/2026
MEETING DATE:	July 8, 2026

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ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

This item is to provide the Parks Board with an update regarding the Martha Knies Park playground. Due to identified safety concerns with the existing playground equipment, the current playground will be removed to ensure the continued safety of park users.

The removal of the existing playground will also prepare the site for the installation of a new playground facility, which is anticipated to be completed in fall 2026. The replacement playground, approved by the Parks Board and City Council earlier this year, will provide an updated, safe, and improved recreational amenity for the community and continue the City's commitment to maintaining quality parks and public spaces.

Staff will provide an update on the removal timeline, project status, and anticipated next steps for the new playground installation.

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AGENDA ITEM:	2. Discuss the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve Erosion and Trail Improvement Project (<i>Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resources and Maintenance Manager</i>)
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/11/2026
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AGENDA ITEM:	3. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. (Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resources and Maintenance Manager)
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	06/11/2026
MEETING DATE:	July 8, 2026

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1. Master Plan Cheat Sheet

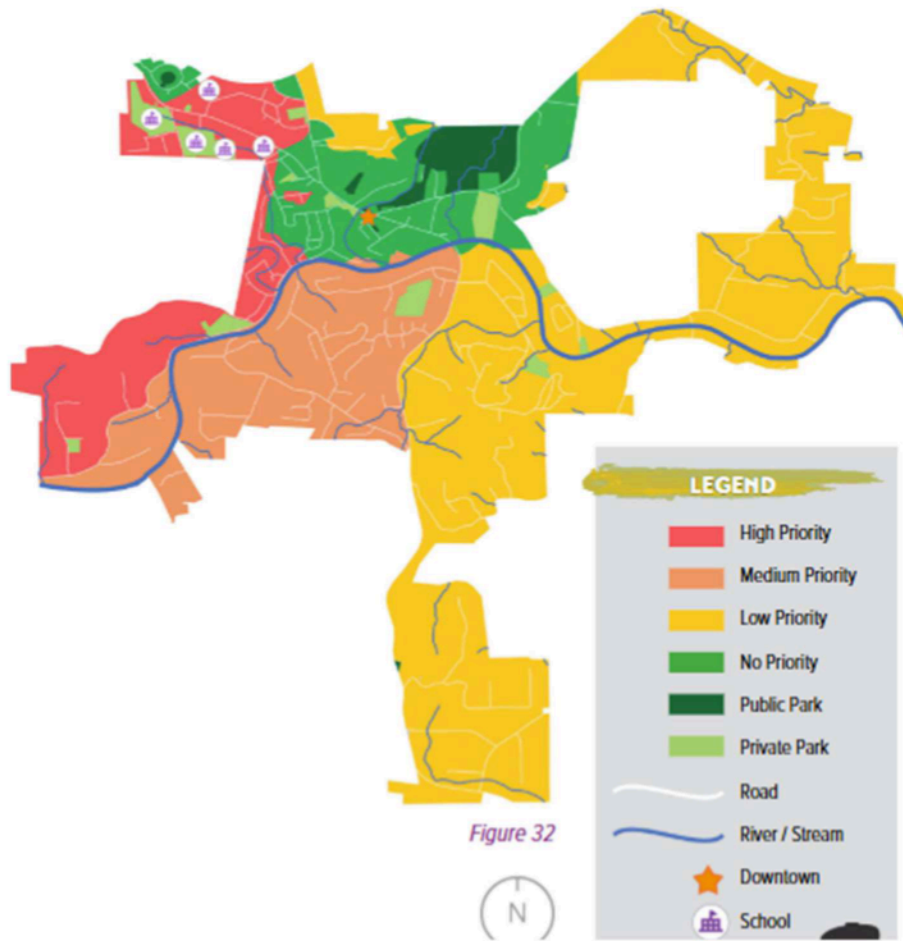


Figure 32

New Parks

Objectives Achieved	Recommended Action	Term	Estimated Cost
1.2 & 1.5 2.1	Engage with Community Members to educate the importance of parkland acquisition	Short-Term	N/A
1.2 2.1	Acquire Property (west of Ranch Road 12)	Mid-Term	Market Value
1.2 2.1	Acquire Property (along the Blanco River)	Mid-Term	Market Value
1.1, 1.2, 1.4, & 1.6 2.1, 2.2, & 2.4 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, & 3.5 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, & 4.6	Develop a Neighborhood Park • Install playground / climb equipment • Construct trails • Install signage (wayfinding and interpretive) • Install shade structure • Install supporting facilities (benches, drinking fountains, etc.)	Long-Term	\$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000
1.1 & 1.4 2.3 & 2.5 4.6	Develop a New Park Along the Blanco River	Long-Term	TBD
1.4 3.1, 3.4, 3.7,	Develop new trails and pedestrian/bike bridges to improve connectivity	Long-Term	Market Value

Recommendations are flexible and each action item should be evaluated and modified if necessary, prior to implementation.

Figure 43

Park Redevelopments

Objectives Achieved	Recommended Action	Term	Estimated Cost
1.3, 1.5, & 1.8	Develop TPWD Grant for Martha Knies Community Park	Short-Term	\$10,000 - \$15,000
1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, & 1.7 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, & 4.6 5.1, 5.2, & 5.3	Redevelop Martha Knies Community Park • Replace playgrounds • Update benches and picnic area • Expand restroom facility • Install water filling station • Install signage (wayfinding and interpretive) • Incorporate elements of music play • Install/update public art as appropriate • Install bike rack and repair station	Short-Term	\$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000
1.3, 1.5, & 1.8	Develop TPWD Grant for Sunrise Park	Mid-Term	In house, % based fee, or \$10,000 - \$15,000
1.3 & 1.6 2.1 & 2.3 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, & 3.5 4.2, 4.5, & 4.6 5.1	Redevelop Sunrise Park • Improve walkways to be ADA accessible • Implement native landscaping • Install/update public art as appropriate • Install signage (interpretive) • Improve and enhance existing pavilions • Consider grilling stations	Mid-Term	\$100,000 - \$200,000
1.3, 1.5, & 1.8	Redevelop Wimberley Community Center	Mid-Term	TBD

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Figure 41

Policies, Plans, and Studies

Objectives Achieved	Recommended Action	Term	Estimated Cost
1.1 5.1	Conduct an Aquatics Feasibility Report	Short-Term	\$30,000 - \$50,000
4.1	Develop Sign Design Standards	Short-Term	\$15,000 - \$20,000
5.1 & 5.4	Develop an Equipment Maintenance Policy	Short-Term	\$15,000 - \$20,000
1.1, 1.5, & 1.6 5.1 & 5.3	Conduct a Promotional Campaign	Short-Term	In-House
4.6 5.1	Adopt an Arbor Day Proclamation	Short-Term	In-House
1.7	Develop a Trails Master Plan	Short-Term	
1.5 & 1.7	Develop a Natural Resource Plan (Wildlife, Riparian, Resource, Fire, etc.)	Mid-Term	In-House
1.7	Adopt a Parks and Recreation Inclusion Policy	Mid-Term	In-House
1.5 & 1.7	Develop a Programming Plan for the Wimberley Community Center	Mid-Term	TBD

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Figure 40

Park Enhancements

Objectives Achieved	Recommended Action	Term	Estimated Cost
1.3 3.5 4.5	Enhance Blue Hole Regional Park • Provide AED in closer proximity to the soccer fields • Provide water filling station • Install benches and picnic tables • Install/update public art as appropriate	Short-Term	\$20,000 - \$30,000
1.3, 1.5, & 1.8	Develop TPWD Grant for Cypress Creek Nature Trail & Preserve	Short-Term	In house, % based fee, or \$10,000 - \$15,000
1.3, 1.6, & 1.7 2.2, 2.3, & 2.5 3.2, 3.3, & 3.5 4.2, 4.5, & 4.6 5.1	Enhance Cypress Creek Nature Trail & Preserve • Consider boardwalks over lowlying areas • Install signage (entry, wayfinding, and interpretive) • Implement active wildlife management • Install/update public art as appropriate	Short-Term	\$50,000 - \$100,000
1.1, 1.3, & 1.6 4.5 & 4.6	Enhance Old Baldy Park • Install or update public art as appropriate • Install signage (interpretive) • Install benches and seating areas • Install viewing station (viewing scope)	Short-Term	\$15,000 - \$25,000
1.1, 1.3, 1.5, & 1.6 2.2 & 2.3 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, & 3.5 4.2, 4.5, & 4.6 5.1	Enhance Blue Hole Regional Park • Implement active habitat management and rewilding • Install signage (wayfinding) • Consider mountain bike trails • Install bike rack and repair stations • Upgrade existing trails • Conduct a species inventory	Mid-Term	\$75,000 - \$100,000

Objectives Achieved	Recommended Action	Term	Estimated Cost
1.3 & 1.6 4.2, 4.3, & 4.5	Enhance Oak Park & Welcome Center • Provide shade canopy • Install signage (interpretive)	Mid-Term	\$50,000 - \$75,000
1.3 & 1.6	Enhance Oak Park & Welcome Center • Install playground / climb equipment • Install signage (interpretive)	Long-Term	\$100,000 - \$120,000
1.3, 1.5, & 1.8	Develop TPWD Grant for Patsy Glenn Refuge	Long-Term	In house, % based fee, or \$10,000 - \$15,000
1.3 2.1 & 2.3 2.3 4.3	Enhance Patsy Glenn Refuge • Install/update public art as appropriate • Implement active wildlife management and rewilding • Explore alternative trail materials • Install signage (interpretive)	Long-Term	\$250,000 - \$350,000

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Figure 42