

City of Denton Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board
Minutes
January 5, 2026

After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board was present, the Board convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Vice-Chair Elinor Lichtenberg, Members Bob Tickner, Amy Pelzel, Keri Caruthers, and Joshua Taylor

Absent: Members Richard Villarreal, and Kady Finley

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Citizens' comments are listed on Exhibit A

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. PRB25-038: Receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Caruthers nominated Member Taylor as Chair; Member Pelzel seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Caruthers, Pelzel and Taylor.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley, and Villarreal,

NAYS (0):

Vice-Chair Lichtenberg nominated herself as Vice-Chair; Member Pelzel seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Caruthers, Pelzel and Taylor.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley, and Villarreal,

NAYS (0):

- B. PRB25-041: Consider approval of the minutes of November 3, 2025.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- Consider evaluation of the language used in minutes, specifically the term “no direction was provided.” Staff will review future Agenda Information Sheets to confirm if direction is needed and will select the appropriate verbiage.

Following discussion, Member Tickner moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Caruthers seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Caruthers, Pelzel and Chair Taylor.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley, and Villarreal,
NAYS (0):

- C. PRB25-040: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Advisory Board Annual 2026 meeting schedule. The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Caruthers moved to adopt the item with the correction that the December meeting be held on December 7, 2026; Vice-Chair Lichtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Caruthers, Pelzel and Chair Taylor.
ABSENT (2): Members Finley, and Villarreal,
NAYS (0):

- D. PRB25-031: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Hickory Creek Trail Master Plan.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- Provided updated trail numbers to Park Board
- Board encouraged moving forward on the project and requested invitation to future meetings regarding project.

- E. PRB25-042: Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff input regarding the Athletics Division operations.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff provided the following direction:

- Consider adding courtesy signage limiting time of play at unmonitored park tennis and pickleball courts.

- F. PRB25-029: Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding active adult and senior programming.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff provided the following direction:

- Be aware of the need for public bus access to new Sr. Center location.
- Provide Sr. Center Advisory Board information to Member Caruthers.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- Thank you to staff.
- Vice-Chair Lichtenberg informed the board that the Chinese Pistache has been added to the Texas Forest Service list of invasive trees for the area.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

JOSHUA TAYLOR
CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

ROBIN HILL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____

January 5, 2026 Park Board Meeting- Exhibit A					
Speaker Commentaries/Registration Online, Email, In-Person, Phone					
Name	Address	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Ben Hokamp	2315 Robinwood, Denton, TX 76206	N/A	N/A	In-Person	Requested department to work with them to clear mountain bike trails at South Lakes Park
Caleb Wills	904 Dawnlight Drive, Denton, TX 76210	N/A	N/A	In-Person	Requested department to work with them to clear mountain bike trails at South Lakes Park