

**MINUTES**  
**Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**August 26, 2025 at 6:00PM**  
**Goshen City Hall, 244 Clark Street**

**A meeting of the Goshen Parks and Recreations Commission was held on August 26, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Goshen Community Center**

**Call to Order:** Danielle Edwards @ 6:00

**Roll Call:** PRESENT - Danielle Edwards, Mike Nimmo, Nathan Snipes, Linda Moore, Day Crowne

**Approval of Agenda:** Linda Moore made a motion to accept the agenda as written; Mike Nimmo seconded  
All in favor; None opposed

**Approval of Minutes from June 24,2025**

Mike Nimmo made a motion to approve as-is; Day Crowne seconded  
All in favor; None opposed

**Old Business**

***Progress on Park Projects -***

Mike Nimmo reported that there has not been much going on during the last couple of months (no meeting in July) due to weather/bugs, etc. Mike Nimmo and Danielle Edwards cleared out section across from the parking lot for people to access the creek (help from City Staff). Will put down chocolate rock and weed barrier that will create pathway down to the creek - the best way to access the creek. This is across from the parking lot and is readily apparent it's a path to the creek access.

A little bit of mowing and brush-cutting; got area cleared near main entrance on the north side (where old entrance was). Ready for the nice weather and to get busy with more work at the park.

Public Input: Chuck Jacobus asked - are you keeping track of your work for Grant(s)? Mike Nimmo says they are turning in volunteer hours to City Hall and they can track it that way. Mayor says part of ARDOT Grant is that we will be getting picnic tables to put out there and that work should start in September.

Linda Moore says the park looks beautiful and always looks as 'freshly mowed'.

**New Business**

***Rock Sign Installation and Landscaping***

Mayor says they completed the rock sign engraving last week and they were picked up. Talked to the installer - he doesn't have a large enough piece of equipment to lift that size of rock but Marcus (from M&M) will come and help with his equipment. Larry (installer) will get those maneuvered into place w/in the next 2 weeks.

### ***Planting Seeds in Riparian Zones***

Danielle says 2025 Great Arkansas Clean Up will be 09/06-10/31/25 - you register your area and what you want to do; this is a part of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful - suggested that maybe the planting of the seeds could be a part of it. They (Keep Arkansas Beautiful) supply seeds and garbage bags - we have to come up with a time to do it (just has to be between those dates). It's a community outreach type event - Park and Rec tentatively set for Sunday, 9/21 in the afternoon. Danielle Edwards will submit the paperwork; they will supply native wildflower seed packets coupled with the seed that the City already has. Mayor says city has grass seeds which would be good to plant; flowering should be planted in spring.

Mike Nimmo asked about preparation - What do we need to do? Do we have any place in mind that we want to concentrate on for the flowers? Mayor suggested the milkweed on the very back side with clean up first with the DR trimmer; then soil needs to be churned up; Mayor offered his tiller. Mayor also suggested around the storybook tree because there's a lot of wood that has laid there for a long time and the soil will be moist; wildflowers will also be nice there.

Linda Moore asked about planting around the new sign; Mayor says they have a plan for that area; they want nicer looking rock on the top layer so it has a better look and then come back in and put some plants in there. Mayor would also like to coordinate that with Rosie (UofA student that helped with sign), to see if she wants to help do some planting. Mike Nimmo added that we can't get shrubs that grow very tall as to not block/obscure the rock. Park and Rec committee would like to do both clean up and planting for the Keeping Arkansas Clean Up day. Mayor offered if the committee has anything in mind that they'd like to plant on Highway 45 for it to come up in the Spring, that would be helpful. Mike Nimmo says it will need a bit of prep work before anything serious can be done. Right now there are huge rocks down there (limestone) and stumps to be extracted so that they can get down there and mow a little easier.

Mayor notified all that Ivan (Maintenance) has passed his final herbicide test and he can now use 24-D.

### ***Next Park Project Ideas***

Mayor wants to build a bathroom on the north side of the park (2 or 3 family bathrooms); there is already water there (A \$20K-\$30K structure). We need to talk about the budget for next year - normal spend is \$40K-\$60K for Parks and Rec, which includes capital; how much will we spend total? Septic will cost about \$8K - 2 water meters are already there (one for irrigation and one for regular water). No electric currently there but we could also do solar to generate lighting at approximate cost of \$1K (per Chuck Jacobus). Water fountain will be installed in that same area - donated from Beaver Watershed Alliance (before end of year). As they get the trail in, we will contract with someone to install the water fountain; Mayor wants it to align with the trail install so that the concrete that they pour matches up.

Mayor says budget is needed next month (archery range and re-doing disc golf / per Day Crowne) - Mayor has asked the committee to attach a monetary number to those items so we can have an idea of what we need to put into budget.

Nathan Snipes, Mayor, Danielle Edwards, and Mike Nimmo will walk the area to try to come up with a plan for the disc golf. Mayor offered that City Staff can help with install. Nathan Snipes says he can build the archery targets but asked if we can get feed bags / woven tarps (possibly donated from the public?). Mayor asked to find out how much targets are and we can buy them (the city). Nathan was going to work with Morrell Targets in Alma and said he would probably cut us a deal. A range of target prices are \$200-\$300. Mayor offered to get four of them for this year. Decision needs to be made on where the course will be set up that is safe. Mike Nimmo suggested the amphitheater area and Mayor says if it's cleared well, Dave and Ivan can keep it mowed/maintained. There's nothing to shoot back there, so it would be safe.

### ***Outreach Opportunities***

Danielle Edwards - Trunk or Treat the police department does (Linda Moore confirmed that the Activities Committee is working with the Police Dept on that). Danielle Edwards asked if the Parks Commission (as an outreach) could dress up and hand out candy along with the Events/Activity Committee. Linda Moore added that the chili cookoff is on that same night and the fire dept will also be there. Day Crowne suggested bags with candy and something else in line with the Parks and Rec (like seeds or something like that).

Public Input: Chuck Jacobus - really appreciates how much the Parks and Rec Committee does for the community. The other thought is maybe some concerts of any kind with the amphitheater and the new pavilion. He also added about the solar for the bathrooms - if you're going to do that, you're not going to get it for \$1K WITH HVAC - the \$1K is just to operate lights.

Mike Nimmo made a motion to adjourn; Danielle Edwards seconded  
All in favor; None opposed

Adjournment at 6:38pm



Gina Swanson  
Recorder/Treasurer



Russell Stroud  
Mayor

