

**CITY OF RED BUD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

Members present: Jim Birke, Tim Fahey, Wil Krick, Deb Opel, Terri Reed, Winnie Rehmer, and Matt Shields

Members absent: Kyle Herriman and Ryan Koudela

Others Present: 0

The meeting was called to order by Tim Fahey at Red Bud City Hall at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

DOG PARK

- Mike okay with waiting for a possible grant proposal for Lincoln Park

SPLASH PAD

- Winterized and closed for the season

POOL

- Tim had reports for the pool and splash pad and shared with members.
- Tim and Matt shared information of the City Council's approval of the pool repairs. The city will complete maintenance work so no permit from the IDPH is required. This work would include replacing the deck piping as identified for needing work, drain lines, concrete work and backfill. The estimated cost through Ehert Plumbing is \$43,766.00. Ehert will fit work in schedule.

LINCOLN PARK/MUSKETS FIELD

- Musket Homecoming was well attended and successful
- No other report for Musket Field
- Windscreens are still up at Pickleball Courts. Tim will contact Dian K. or Pat R.

RATZ PARK

- New Ratz Park sign has received many compliments. New 'hours' sign will be installed in the next couple weeks. The sign will have a Red Bud tree and hours. Posts have already been painted.
- Matt reported that 5 new tables have been delivered and are waiting to be assembled. After assembly they will replace tables in Finley Pavilion.
- Terri shared that the two seat swing near Burns Jungle needs repaired and the slide from the class of 74 needs repainted, suggesting maybe completing that during spring cleanup.
- Terri also suggested making sure bathrooms were open for the Veterans Day Affair at Ratz Park.

SPORTS COMPLEX

- No report

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Tim wants to build five more planters if they are needed.

RED BUD CHAMBER

- Matt reported the Chamber is getting ready for Santa's Village. Bringing the tree in this week.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Work Day for Parks will be held in the Spring.

Wil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb seconded.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING The Parks and Recreation Committee does not meet in December. The date for our January meeting will be on TUESDAY, January 6, 2026, at City Hall. Several members were not able to make the Wednesday meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Reed, Secretary