

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers (2nd Floor)**

Council Members Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Curt Guebert, Patrick Mueller, Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon

Council Members Absent: Bryce Parsons, Alan Piel

Others Present: City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf, Finance Officer Liz Cowell

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Mayor Harbaugh called the hearing to order at 5:45 P.M.

I. OSLAD Grant Application for Lincoln Park Revitalization

The hearing was held for the purpose of public comment and to provide input on the proposed IDNR Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant application to review revitalization plans for Lincoln Park. Tim Fahey, from the Parks and Recreation Committee, questioned whether there is a need to replace the skate park, was it used enough to warrant the cost? The reason the skateboard park was closed was because the equipment was becoming unsafe. Several comments were made in support of the skateboard park, saying their children used the features. Online input listed additional restrooms, new entry signage, additional lighting, playground updates, a safety park, and the dog park as items of interest. Items listed to remove if the budget did not allow were the dog park and the outdoor workout center. Updating/resurfaced/additional new parking lot, having a turnaround area near the tennis courts, was also seen as a need. Landgraf feels a new parking lot would not score very high on the application because it would use almost half of the grant.

II. Adjournment

There were no further questions or comments, therefore, the hearing was closed at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois