

MT. JULIET PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: **Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2026

LOCATION: Charlie Daniels Park (CDP) – Community Center

ATTENDEES:

Parks Board	Present	Not Present
Tina Hutsenpiller / Chairperson	X	
Dave Schilling / Secretary	X (virtual)	
Taryn Tarter	X	
Adrian Muniz III	X	
Ross Hayes	X	
Carolyn Christofferson	X	

City Staff, Commissioners, Other Guests	Present	Not Present
Ross Hudson, Parks Director	X	
Jennifer Diekmann, Parks Director Assistant	X	
Bill Trivett, City Commissioner		X
Others / Guests: Zach Mitchell and Boy Scout Sponsor	X	

1. Meeting started at approximately 6:00 pm.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded and the motion passed to accept the March 3 Parks Board meeting minutes.

3. **Citizens' Comments:**
 - a. None present.

4. **Special Presentations:**
 - a. Eagle Scout presentation by Zach Mitchell was made (slides attached). The proposal is for a photo challenge to encourage the taking of photos at various Mt. Juliet landmark locations and to post them on social media. Various locations were discussed, noting they need to be on city property with the approval of the City Manager. Locations at the landmarks will need to be clear and coordinated in advance. The timeline was discussed as being in July or August 2026.

After discussion, final approval is to be deferred until the July 7 Parks Board meeting when more details on the design and locations could be presented. In the meantime, it was agreed that the Parks Director (Ross) would coordinate with the City Manager for three suggested locations: Clock tower, Eagle Park and Main St.

5. Park Director's Report:

- a. The all-inclusive merry-go-round has been installed at CDP and has been well received. Discussions are ongoing to perhaps add more future play equipment.
- b. The community meeting room floor upgrade is complete. Targeting June opening for teens during the week and then available for other groups or events on weekends.
- c. Planning for the July 4 holiday event continues (under New Business).
- d. The Easter in the Park event went well.
- e. Ava Splashpad is going to open on May 26 for the summer.

6. New Business:

- a. Time frames for Eagle scout projects.
 - i. It was noted that some projects tend to linger – for example, the large chess-in-the-park project that was presented around a year ago but never moved to implementation. It was discussed that going forward, a time limit of four months will be allocated and if the project is not complete within that time, the Eagle scout sponsor would need to come back before the Parks Board for additional approvals.
- b. July 4 Event at Circle P Ranch (5:30 pm – 9:00 pm)
 - i. Musical acts have been arranged (45 min time slots) and will continue up to 15 mins before the fireworks start.
 - ii. Scheduling of food trucks is ongoing.
 - iii. America 250 T-shirts will be made available for distribution.

7. Old business

- a. None

8. Adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm. Next meeting is July 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

End of Meeting Minutes