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When: Jun 1, 2026 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

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City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2026
7:00 PM
In-Person and Via Zoom

----- Agenda Topics -----		
Topic		Notes
1. Call to Order	Toni Siering	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Toni Siering	
3. Approval of Minutes	Toni Siering	
4. Youth Sports Advisory Committee Appointments	Micky Kaufman	
5. Municipal Park Grant Application	Toni Siering	
6. Remembrance Park Plaque Updates	Toni Siering	
7. Director's Report	Toni Siering	
8. Old Business/New Business	Toni Siering	

Attachments:

Minutes – May 4, 2026

Next Meeting: Monday, July 7, 2025

Clayton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, May 4th, 2026

Commission Members Present: Karen Berry-Elbert, Matt Durham, Stephen Eisele, Erin Sucher-O'Grady

Commission Members Absent: Paul Courter, Adam Weygandt

Ex-Officio Members Present: Becky Patel, Kami Waldman

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Ben Beinfeld

Staff Present: Valerie Egel, Ryan Harrison, Micky Kaufman, Toni Siering, Justin Whipple

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as written. The April meeting was cancelled.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

Bob Chapman Memorial Pad:

Alex Elmstad, Clayton Community Foundation (CCF) Executive Director, presented a proposal for enhancements to the Chapman Plaza pond and fountain area, including the addition of a memorial bench with a pad honoring the late Bob Chapman, landscaping enhancements, and rock modifications. He noted that the project is fully funded by CCF and will be executed by M&P Landscaping, CCF's current maintenance contractor. The proposal will be submitted to the City Council for final approval.

A motion was made to approve the project as recommended by CCF to City Council for final approval - recognizing the alignment with parks standards, the CCF's ability to facilitate the gift, and the value-added benefit to this Clayton asset. The Commission approved the recommendation unanimously.

Shaw Park Aquatic Center (SPAC) Cabana Rental Proposal:

Micky Kaufman, Recreation Superintendent, and Ryan Harrison, Aquatic Supervisor, presented a proposal to implement a Cabana Rental Program at the site of the former "misting tent" adjacent to the bleachers at SPAC. The proposal recommends an investment of \$6,654.08 to establish one fully equipped cabana area, with funding included in the FY26 SPAC budget. The initial plan proposed a 48-hour advance reservation requirement with a rental fee of \$100 for four-hour time blocks. The Commission discussed modifications to allow for same-day rentals, including a 15-minute transition period between reservations. The Commission agreed to move forward with the revised plan, maintaining the \$100 fee structure while providing greater flexibility for guests.

A motion was made to approve the SPAC Cabana Rental program for the 2026 summer season, with the modification that staff work out the process for same day rentals if space permits. The Commission approved the recommendation unanimously.

Hanley Park Free Little Art Gallery Request:

Toni Siering, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a resident proposal to establish a Little Free Art Gallery at Hanley Park, featuring curated community artwork. Commissioners raised concerns regarding ongoing maintenance and oversight. While a community volunteer offered to assist with keeping the gallery clean and removing inappropriate items, the Commission noted that long-term responsibility for monitoring the space remains undefined. The discussion also sought clarification on acceptable types of artwork—such as small sculptures, pottery, paintings, and sketches—and compared management approaches to those used for existing Little Free Libraries. The Commission agreed to place the proposal on a future agenda, with the gallery

proponent present for further discussion.

Director's Report:

Ms. Siering provided an update on the lighting improvement projects at Shaw Park Tennis Center and Oak Knoll Park, highlighting current progress and anticipated installation timelines. She and Justin Whipple, Parks Superintendent, will continue overseeing both projects to help ensure completion by mid-August to ensure future grant funding is available. The final Dark Skies application will be submitted once the work is finalized.

Ms. Siering discussed planning for Remembrance Park programming and updates on the park plaques. The Committee will finalize the wording for both the main memorial plaque and individual honoree plaques and move forward with installation. Additionally, Leann Hogan, Community Recreation Supervisor, is working to develop chess programming at Remembrance Park through collaboration with the local chess club and outreach to potential school district partners.

Ms. Siering will coordinate with the Osage Nation to schedule an unveiling ceremony for the Osage Memorial plaque in late summer (August/September) and will work to make educational materials available to the Clayton School District when feasible.

Updates were shared on repairs to the Hanley House, as well as a tree planting ceremony scheduled for May 12th honoring Susan Hanley, a direct descendant. Ms. Siering will secure bids and contracts for the roof replacement and continue to direct the projects needed to reopen the house in 2027.

Essential repairs to the Center of Clayton pool were discussed, including replacement of the pool flooring and skylight repairs, which will impact Center operations and member access. The pool closure and flooring replacement are scheduled to begin on Monday, June 29th. Staff will coordinate temporary member access to SPAC during the closure and plan for skylight repairs during next year's scheduled shutdown.

She also addressed changes to concession services at SPAC and highlighted recent and upcoming community events. Mr. Kaufman will coordinate with the new concessionaire on setup and menu planning for SPAC and explore potential expansion to other sports facilities.

Finally, Ms. Siering announced that the August meeting has been rescheduled to August 10th and confirmed that the September meeting will be moved to September 14th due to Labor Day.

Next Meeting:

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on June 1st, 2026, in person and via Zoom.

Old Business / New Business:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Doris Patzius



To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Toni Siering, Director of Parks & Recreation
Micky Kaufman, Recreation Superintendent

Date: June 1, 2026

Subject: Appointments to the Youth Sports Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Commission recently voted to approve the establishment of the Youth Sports Advisory Committee. Following this decision, staff began soliciting applications from interested adult participants. Recruitment will continue until 10 to 12 volunteers have been appointed to the Committee, as staff intends to convene the group this summer in advance of the upcoming youth soccer season.

To date, the following qualified individuals have submitted applications to serve three-year terms on the Youth Sports Advisory Committee:

William Cary – parent/coach, Glenridge Elementary
Kevin Schuh – parent/coach, Captain Elementary
Leroy Smith - parent/coach, Meramec Elementary
Mattew Tillstrom - parent/coach, Captain Elementary
Alan Hughes – Maplewood Richmond Heights Youth Sports board member
Justin Harris – Forsyth School Athletic Director

Recommendation: To consider the appointments listed above.



To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Toni Siering, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: June 1, 2026

RE: 2026 Municipal Park Grant Application

As you may know, in November 2000, citizens across St Louis County approved a sales tax to help improve, restore and expand their municipal parks and recreation programs. As a result, the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St Louis County was formed and has since awarded over \$100 million in grant money to municipalities in St. Louis County. The grants have been used to fund park renovations and expansion projects including playgrounds, water parks, golf courses, trails, recreation centers, ice rinks and many other types of recreation facilities throughout St. Louis County. This money is awarded to municipalities based on the strength of their grant applications, considering such factors as need, planning, community input, and prior awards.

Since 2009, Municipal Park grants have funded the following projects in Clayton:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Amount Awarded</i>
2009	Round 10	Shaw Park Tree Top Playground	\$ 297,500
2010	Round 11	Hanley Park Shelter	\$ 184,000
2011	Round 12	Shaw Park Tennis Center Renovation	\$ 232,000
2013	Round 14	Oak Knoll Park Playground	\$ 150,000
2015	Round 16	Taylor Park Playground	\$ 382,227
2016	Round 17	Shaw Park Fields 5-6	\$ 419,880
2020	Round 21	Shaw Park Playgrounds	\$ 420,000
2021	Round 22	Remembrance Park	\$ 225,000
2022	Round 23	Remembrance Park	\$ 230,000
2023	Round 24	Shaw Park Fields 1-2	\$ 525,000
2025	Round 26	Shaw Park Tennis Center Lighting	\$ 266,636
2025	Round 26	Oak Knoll Park Lighting	\$ 258,665
		TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 3,590,908

The next Municipal Park Construction Project Grant Round will open June 2026 and close August 2026. Clayton is eligible for up to \$525,000 in grant funding per year, based on population. Municipalities may have no more than two open grants at any given time. Clayton currently has two active Municipal Park Grants from the prior year. At least one grant must be fully completed before the City may submit a new application in 2026, which we believe is feasible.

As part of the City's annual review of capital projects eligible for grant funding, staff evaluated timing, cost, and eligibility. Based on this review, staff recommend submitting one grant application in 2026 for the Shaw Park Lighting Project, estimated at \$490,000. This project would utilize the majority of Clayton's 2026 grant capacity.

Staff Recommendation: Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the City Council to approve the submission of a 2026 Municipal Park Grant application for the Shaw Park Lighting Project.



Clayton Parks & Event Calendar

June 2026

Clayton Music and Wine Festival

**Saturday, June 6, 5 pm – 10 pm, N. Brentwood Boulevard
(between Maryland Ave. and Forsyth Blvd.)**

Enjoy a casual summer evening filled with wine, live music, and entertainment at the Clayton Music & Wine Festival at N. Brentwood Blvd. Admission is free, with wine and food available for purchase—please, no outside alcohol. Live music by Alex Rich Due, Steven Wooley Band, and Vote for Pedro, plus DJ Pretty Dope Mike.

Shaw Park Social

Sunday, June 7, 4 pm – 8 pm

Spend a laid-back summer evening at Shaw Park Social, a free, family-friendly community event on June 7 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Shaw Park. This event invites everyone to gather in the park and enjoy an evening of music, activities, and time together.

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, family, and dogs, and settle in for live music and easygoing fun. Guests are welcome to relax under the Enterprise Pavilion or find a spot on the lawn to enjoy the atmosphere.

The evening will feature live music from Dawson Hollow & Nautical Brothers, inflatables, games, and a bubble machine for kids, along with a variety of food and beverage trucks on site.

Whether you're meeting up with friends or enjoying time with family, Shaw Park Social is the perfect way to unwind and enjoy the park together.

Juneteenth Holiday

Friday, June 19

City offices are closed on Friday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. The Center of Clayton will be open from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Shaw Park Aquatic Center will observe holiday hours from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Shaw Park Tennis Center will be open from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Musical Nights at Oak Knoll Park

Sunday, June 21, 5 pm – 7 pm

Unwind with Musical Nights, a free, recurring concert series set in the peaceful surroundings of Oak Knoll Park. This relaxing community event invites you to slow down and enjoy live music in the park. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, family, and dogs, and settle in for an easygoing evening outdoors with live music from Michael Marciano on June 21 and a laid-back atmosphere.

CSP Tiderider Invitational Swim Meet

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28

The Clayton Shaw Park Swim Team will be hosting their annual meet, where nearly 700 participants from across the region compete at Shaw Park Aquatic Center. During the swim meet, the pool is closed to the public. SPAC members will have access to the Center of Clayton pools for the weekend.