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Parks & Recreation

Parks Advisory Commission Agenda
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 5 p.m.
Third Floor Conference Room

1. Call to order

2. Approval of November minutes

3. Reports/Presentations
    a. Update from MDC on floating wetlands (Bio Haven attachment)
    b. Update S&T birding club Schuman Lake pollinator and native plants

4. Unfinished business
    a. Parkland ordinance impact fee update

5. New business
    a. Financials
    b. Narrative

6. Adjournment

Park Advisory Commission
Special Meeting

Monday, November 24, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Ken Kwantes, Justin Renaud, Mike Fleishhauer, and Susan Wrasmann
Absent: None

Others Present: Floyd Jernigan, Marie Crowley, Andrew Smith, Simon Yoakum, Keith Riesberg, City Administrator, Tom Coots, City Planner, Jeff Sandquist, Addy Reardon, RACC and Aimee Campbell, RACC

1. **Call to Order**
   - Mr. Kwantes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Presentations**
   - Aimee Campbell and Addy Reardon with Big BAM presentation
     The previous Big BAM was discussed.
     Mr. Kwantes advised BPAC fully endorsed the event and it was seamless last time.
     Aimee Campbell said the event allows tourism to push to local businesses.
     Since this is a Parks sponsored event, it doesn't require other approval.
     Motion was made to approve the event. All in favor. None opposed.

   - City Planner Tom Coots floated an idea of replacing the parkland fee in lieu of with a parks impact fee. This could involve a set amount tied to the building permit in relation to the number of dwelling units.
     The fee is a portion of an existing ordinance that requires that new developments dedicate a portion of existing land to park amenities or park land or trail addition, based on a number of parameters should those be deemed applicable.
     The theory behind the fee is that, either the land or the fee, whichever is deemed appropriate, is to help mitigate increased pressure on existing city park facilities by the residents from the new development.
     The initial ordinance was rewritten by Jernigan and approved by City Council in 2018 after a review that encompassed hearings through Parks Advisory and Planning and Zoning. Coots said any such impact fee could be calculated to approximate the same amount that had been collected during the history of the fee in lieu of portion in the current ordinance.
     Mr. Kwantes and Jernigan provided the history of the fee in terms of dollar amounts collected since 1997, and parkland acquired, with Jernigan adding more background from the last review.
     Jernigan noted that 23 of the city's 35 parks have come from Parkland dedication.

In the 2018 version of the ordinance, it was stipulated that the dollar amount per acre value established for the purposes of the calculation would be reassessed every five years.
Local Realtors provided a range of an average cost per acre of residential land in the city, with the average pegged at $18,000.
By ordinance, the parkland fee, when applicable, is to be used to acquire additional park or trail land within a set distance of the new development; help improve existing parks also within a set distance of the new development; or be used for the regional or signature parks in the city that have amenities.
After discussion, the commission expressed support for further review, with the caveat that the existing ordinance remains the same relating to the land portion and that only the fee portion be studied. Such study and any recommendations would need to ensure that any revenue would not be lost in any revision.
Members expressed hope that any such new system would close current exceptions in which additional population pressure is not mitigated on the parks system.
Mr. Kwantes asked about the timeline, and asked that Parks Advisory be informed on the process and details.
He asked for a motion to move forwarded with the research.
Justin Renaud made a motion to approve. Susan Wrasmann seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

- Jeff Sandquist, Christkindl Market, attended to request the Commission approve the removal of a tree in the festival lots below City Hall. His organization wants to expand the tent from the upper lot to the lower lot. There is a dying maple tree that would need to be removed. They would like approval and if so granted, they will donate the cost of replacement tree in downtown lots location. (There are two currently dead.)
  Mr. Kwantes made a motion for staff to remove the tree. Mike Fleishhauer made a motion to remove the tree and replace it in a new location. Justin Renaud seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

3. **Approval of October minutes**
   - Justin Renaud made a motion to approve May 2025, meeting minutes. Mike Fleishhauer seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

4. **Financials/Narrative**
   - The Cemetery continues to see record burials in 2025. Staff are reviewing the next location to be created in the 40-acre tract. Justin Renaud asked if it is the city's responsibility to continue to grow the footprint of the cemetery. Mr. Kwantes advised nothing mandates the city's responsibility. That need is still years away as there remains several developable spaces for new sections.
   - The sealed bids for the replacement pavilions at Veterans Memorial Park were incomplete or were rejected as being a sizable percentage over city engineering estimates for what the cost of the project should be. Jernigan said city will rebid, which is set for Dec. 10

- The last item on the agenda was the introduction of new City Administrator Keith Riesberg, who shared his appreciation of the members' efforts and time. New Parks Superintendent Simon Yoakum was also acknowledged.

5. Adjournment

Susan Wrasmann made a motion for meeting to adjourn. Justin Renaud seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

BioHaven-Floating Wetland Bases
Considerations and Use
As of June 13, 2024

What is a BioHaven:

Plastic-based floating wetland base

- Made from recycled polyester (PET)
  - Recycled water bottles
  - Food safe materials
  - No BPA, Lead, Cadmium, or Dioxins
- Comes coated with UV protector.
- Cost per square foot is closer to $41.00 in 2024.
- 1.2 to 1.8 plant holes per square foot.
- Example:
  - 42 square feet
  - $1,762.00 for Mat
  - 64 plants (plants and planting material cost extra)
- Comes in a variety of sizes from 25 to 92 square feet.
- 30 to 149 plant holes
- Provides:
  - Year-round habitat
    - Fish
    - Pollinators
    - Aquatic Insects
  - Ties up excess nutrients; puts them into desirable plant growth.
  - Can break-up wind erosion.
- 15-year life span

Considerations:

- It is plastic!
- There is a potential for microplastics to be released over time.
- Use wisely.
- Should not be your first choice. If the pond or lake has a good littoral zone, shoreline plants should be your first choice.
  - A great option for:
    - Walled impoundments.
    - Strip pits or quarry lakes.
    - Waterbodies with limited littoral areas.

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Site Suitability:

BioHaven (UV coated PET Recycled Plastic) – High Nutrient, High Aesthetic Expectation, Urban Watershed, High Vandalism, High HAB Potential

BeeBass 100 (Non-Plastic Prototype) – Water Supply Lakes, Lower Aesthetic Expectation, Rural Watershed, High Staff Presence, Low Vandalism

* For both options, need to find sites away from boat traffic and are easily monitored.

Sizing:

- There is no good rule of thumb. Each site is different and has different nutrient inputs. We do know that the plants pull nitrogen and phosphorus from the water, and we have seen a reduction in algae.
- Start conservative and then build up.
- Note: Give your island two summers before adding more. That gives the plants and roots time to reach their full potential.
- With shoreline plantings, we have been starting two-acre impoundments at around 80 square feet.
- Note: 250 square feet of floating wetland provides approximately 1-acre traditional wetland benefit.

Components Needed:

- Base
- Plants and planting plan for each individual wetland.
- Planting mix (peat moss mix)
    - From BioHaven - Buy two to three bags of a combined soil/peat/organic material like this product from Menards. You can return the 3rd bag if you don't need it but they only cost $2.99 each. Make sure it is really wet in the holes (minimizes air pockets) and then add your plant.
    - https://www.menards.com/main/outdoors/gardening/lawn-plant-care/compost-soils-amendments/premium-top-soil-75-cu-ft/premium-top-soil/p-1444449052683-c-1463608034794.htm
- Anchors with cable (stainless steel) or marine rope.
    - Anchor line should be 1.5 times the high-water depth.
- Carabiners or Clips
- Basic install Tools:
    - Trowel
    - Tarp
    - bucket
- Goose fencing or twigs (on top) to prevent surface grazing.

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- Turtle fencing (below island) – if needed.
- Small boat for launching.
- A brief project plan that includes heritage review and permit information.
    - Likely a NWP 18 – which is for the anchors (be sure they are clean fill and you are below the cubic yard limit).
        - 10 cubic yards
    - We are working to standardize this process.
    - Local permits may also be needed.
        - City/County
        - Floodplain

Base:

- Only supplier is Midwest Floating Islands out of Minnesota.
- Autumn Boos is the contact.

Autumn Boos
Marketing Director
Bro-Tex and Midwest Floating Island (subsidiary)
800 Hampden Avenue| St. Paul, MN 55114

- 651-379-2492

Plant List:

- See Handout
    - Wet area plants first year.
    - Can add arrowhead in year two as the base sits lower in the water.
    - Pick species native to your area.
- Order plugs at least 4 to 6 weeks ahead of project (50 mm Ellepot)
- Raise in kiddie pool or other large container with some water.
- Check for invasive species.
- Again, develop a planting map for your wetland. This will help with maintenance and track mortality.



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Anchors:

- Basic habitat anchors with handle.



Launching Instructions:

- Please see handout from BioHaven/Midwest Floating Islands.

Maintenance:

- Water until roots push through the mat.
    - This takes about 4 weeks.
    - Options:
        - Basic bilge pump
        - Wicking rope (must be installed prior to planting)
            - Requires drilling a small hole in each plant pocket.
        - Solar watering units
            - Can get from Amazon for around 70 dollars.
- Check for subsurface grazing.
    - Grass Carp, turtles, and muskrats are likely culprits.
    - Add a capped cage underneath the island.
        - Size of cage should be smaller than the base dimensions.
        - Should just cover the hole pattern to avoid trapping critters.
    - Use small mesh fencing like 1x1 coated wire.

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- Only needs to be one-foot deep.
- Can use hog rings or rabbit clips to hold together.
- Use straps to connect it to the anchor points for attachment.





- Watch for geese usage.

- Add twigs or short fencing.
- We have had good luck with the twigs.
- 3-foot fence was also sufficient.
    - Currently testing one foot fence.





- Weed in fall and spring each year and log any mortality.
    - Should not take more than one hour per island.
- Replant as needed in the spring.

    - There will be some mortality. This should only take about an hour and can be done with your spring weeding.
- Check base annually for any signs of deterioration.
    - Strongly suggest keeping a log.
    - Remove base at first signs of deterioration.

Bonus Fun:

Watch your wetland explode on top and bottom and all the interactions.



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Appendix A

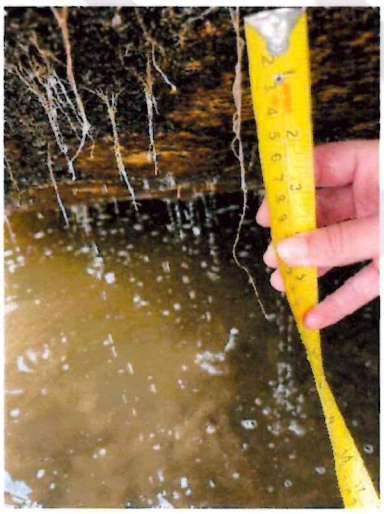
Turtle Exclusion Cages

Root protection may be needed from turtle and other herbivores. This is very site dependent. Wetland bases in waterbodies with existing shoreline and submerged vegetation should see little root grazing. Wetland bases in ponds or lakes with no other vegetation and high turtle and muskrat densities are more likely to have issues.

Step 1. Check the wetland for root growth at four weeks. At this point, roots should have penetrated through the be bottom of the mat. This can easily be checked by feeling underneath, using an underwater camera, or just lifting the corner.



Belladonna Big Island- Bulrush at week 4. No cage is needed.

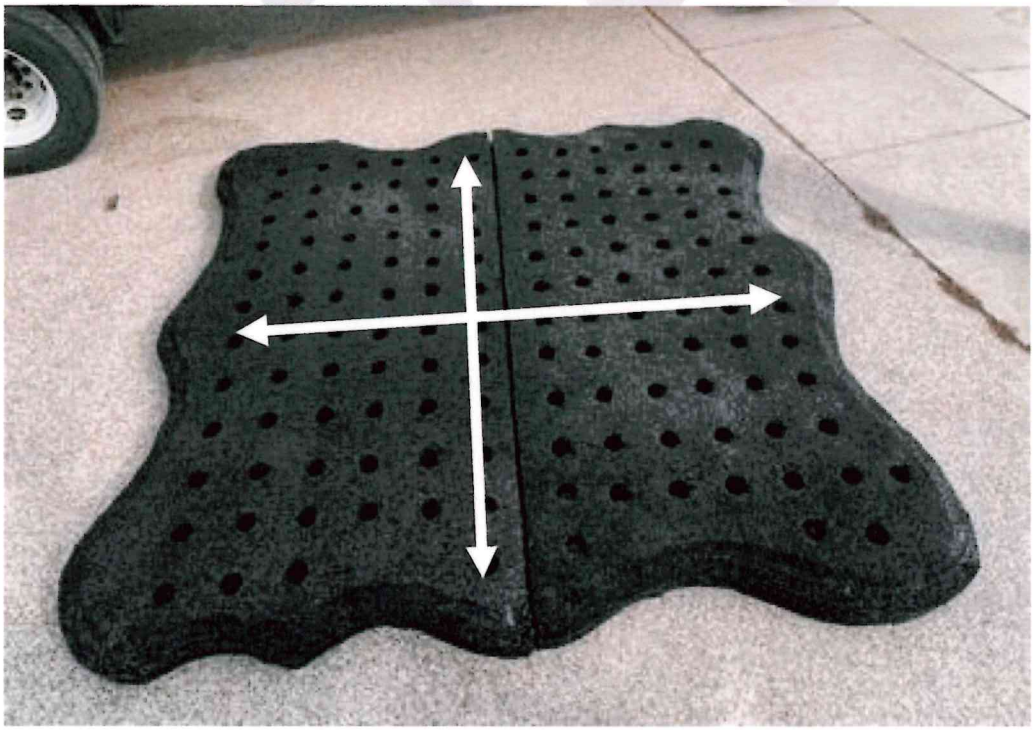


Bois D'Arc CA Floating Wetland at Week 4. Very few roots, grazing may be an issue. Consider adding a protective cage.

Step 2. Acquire your caging material. Wire mesh fencing that is one inch by one inch is preferred along with the appropriate fasteners is ideal. With smaller cage wire you can use rabbit clips to build your cage. Large guage wire might require hog rings. Other items needed, include at least four stainless steel lag screws with an eye and some UV rated zip ties.



Step 3. Measure the actual planting area and **not** the overall size of the island. This will be overall size of the basket.



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Step 4. Build your cage. Again, the bottom of the cage will be based on the size planting area. The height of the sides should be 8 to 12 inches.



Step 5. Add four attachment arms (one to each side). The attachment arms should be at least four feet long and 8 inches wide. We found that these work best if they come up from the middle of each side. They should extend at least two foot from the top side of the cage as it needs to wrap up to the planting surface.

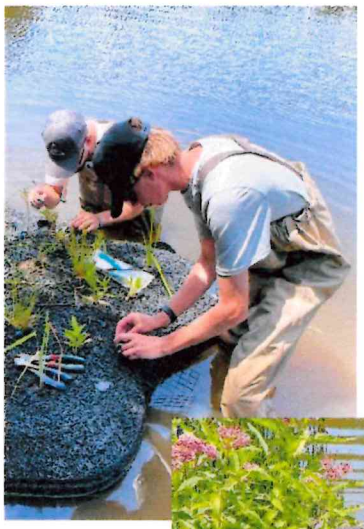
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Step 6. Position cage under wetland base and bring it up snug to the bottom of the base. The cage should fit completely under the base and not protrude outside of the base footprint.





Then bring the attachment arms up to the top and anchor in place with the eyed-lag screw. We found it easier to fold the excess attachment arm material over and then screw the eyed-lag screw through one of the openings in the mesh.

With one-inch mesh, the eye on the lag screw is large enough to hold the cage in place. However, for extra security, you can zip tie the mesh to the eye. Any excess mesh on the attachment arm can be removed.

Note: It is easier to attach one side at a time.



If the attachment arm comes up over an anchor line, just cut out a section of mesh and run the anchor line through it.

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Memorandum of Understanding

A Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding Between The Pollinator Executive Leadership Team And The City of Rolla Parks and Recreation

The Pollinator Executive Leadership Team, a coalition of student organizations at Missouri University of Science and Technology, seeks to enter into a cooperative memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Rolla Parks and Recreation for the purpose of planting and maintaining a pollinator garden composed of native Missouri plants adjacent to the Frisco Lake in Schuman Park.

Purpose:
The purpose of this memorandum is to establish general guidelines for cooperation between these two entities. The coalition of clubs, referred to as the Pollinator Executive Leadership Team (PELT) members shall use the property for activities consistent with planting and maintaining the area by said group. Members of PELT can be found in Appendix A. The City hopes to benefit through advancement toward healthy enhancement of park habitat. This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations. It reflects the goodwill and cooperative spirit of both parties.

Location of Services:
Specified in Appendix B relative to the Frisco Lake in Schuman Park.

Term:
This memorandum will expire on September 30, 2026, unless extended by both parties via written communication of such. Either party may choose to end its participation in this collaboration at any time by providing a 30-day written notice.

The PELT of Missouri S&T will:

- Organize student volunteers for agreed-upon activities.
- Communicate schedules and needs in advance.
- Comply with statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations of the federal, state, county and city government.
- Assign a point of contact/coordinator for coordinating services with the City.
- Provide funding for materials enumerated in Appendix C.
- Ensure work hours are properly dedicated to tasks to set-up and maintain the integrity of the pollinator garden (Appendix D).
- Provide appropriate signage designating the area's purpose.
- At the conclusion of the partnership period, PELT will provide the Parks Advisory Commission with a brief summary outlining key accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned. If any funding or material support was provided, a simple financial overview may also be shared. This report is intended to foster transparency and reflection, and does not constitute a formal financial obligation.

The City of Rolla Parks and Recreation Department:

- Grants continued use of the area for this community work.
- Support the promotion of the effort with information placed on the department's digital media.
- Assign a point of contact/coordinator for coordinating services with the chapters.

This memorandum of understanding is agreed to this day, October 30, 2025, by:

_____ _____
Appropriate S&T department official Date

_____ _____
Floyd Jernigan, Parks and Recreation Director Date
Rolla, Missouri

Appendix A

Clubs Comprising the Pollinator Executive Leadership Team (PELT)

Upon transfer of new leadership positions in the clubs enumerated below, the City will receive updated contact information in writing within 30 days. The point of contact between the City and PELT will be the President of Birding Club.

Club contacts and their respective positions are below in addition to their signatures consenting to a non-legally binding commitment of funding, work hours, and other relevant resources for the pollinator garden at various levels from the clubs they represent. Clubs agree to contribute to work outlined in Appendix D. Committment is indefinite or until the dissolution of the MOU.

Contact Information (updated October 2025)

Birding Club
Abby Gill
aagkfr@umsystem.edu

Sustainable Engineering
James Fletcher
jftkd@umsystem.edu

ECO Miners
Maxwell Klein
mjknb6@umsystem.edu

Signatures Consenting to Club Commitment for the Schuman Park Pollinator Garden:

Abby Gill, President — Date
Birding Club

James Fletcher, Vice President/COO — Date
Sustainable Engineering

Maxwell Klein, President — Date
ECO Miners

Appendix B

Area Specifications

The location of the Pollinator Garden is proposed to be between the North East Pavilion (ie. Trainshed Pavillion) and Frisco Lake. It would be situated a few feet from the lakeshore and parallel to shore. The proposed site has a slope to filter runoff before lake and there is little to no future tree shade, making the site ideal for prairie plants. A soil drainage test demonstrated that the soil is capable of sufficient (medium-well) drainage.

Parameter & Garden Features

The proposed area would be a rectangular strip measuring 20' by 5' for a total area of 100 square feet. Encompassing the area would be a rock border (sourced from the community and school) to define the area and aid in the prevention of grass from encroachment. A sign within the perimeter of the garden will be installed as well to enhance the aesthetics of the garden and provide educational opportunities for visitors to the park. Figure 1 illustrates the proposed area and potential expansion opportunities.

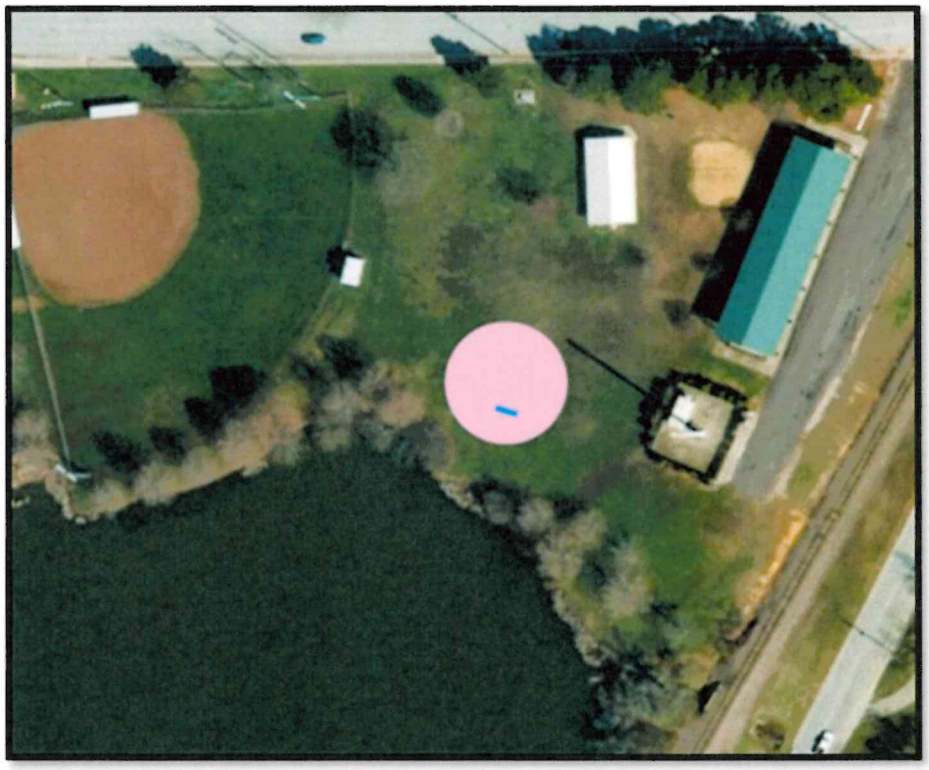


Figure 1: Proposed project size (blue) & range of possible locations (pink)

Appendix C

Financial Information and Detailed Supplies List

Table I: Summary of Costs

Item	Payer	Quantity	Price/Unit	Subtotal	Incidentals	Total
Compost & Manure	NRHH	28.00	$2.68	$75.04	$11.26	$86.30
Cardboard	NRHH	18.00	$1.78	$32.04	$4.81	$36.85
Compost & Manure	Birding Club	28.00	$2.68	$75.04	-	$75.04
Custom Informational Sign	Birding Club	1.00	$50.00	$50.00	-	$50.00
Native Plant Plugs (10 plugs/group)	Birding Club	4.00	$37.50	$150.00	-	$150.00
-	-	-	-	-	Grand Total	$398.18

As illustrated in Table I, the S&T National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) will contribute $123.14 to cover the costs of half of the manure and cardboard. The remaining cost will be sourced from Birding Club, which will bring the grand total for the proposed pollinator garden to $398.18

Other materials and tools that will be used but are expected to be obtained at no cost include the following items:

- Puncture-proof gloves
- >6 gardening gloves
- >2 large shovels
- >2 rakes
- 2 small shovels
- 1 spading fork
- >1 wheelbarrow
- Wood chips and mulch
- Additional carboard sheets
- 50 LF of rocks for the rock border
- Leaf litter from Rolla residents

Table II: Species Included in the Native Plant Plugs

Species of the Native Plant Plugs
Amsonia illustris (ozark bluestar)
Baptisia australis (blue wild indigo)
Asclepias incarnata (rose milkweed) or Asclepias purpurascens (purple milkweed) or Asclepias viridis (spider milkweed)
Asclepias tuberosa (butterfly weed)
Monarda fistulosa (wild bergamot) or Monarda bradburiana (spotted bee balm)
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium (slender mountain mint)
Echinaceae purpurea (purple coneflower)
Solidago speciosa (showy goldenrod)
Liatris aspera (rough blazing star) or Liatris pycnostachya (prairie blazing star)
Symphyothrichum laeve (smooth blue aster) or Symphyotrichum oolentangiense (sky blue aster)
Eryngium yuccifolium (rattlesnake master)

Appendix D

Estimated Work Hours

Listed in this appendix is a generous estimate of work hours that will be shared at various extents across the PELT. The project has been broken down into three separate parts: site prep, short-term maintenance, and long-term maintenance. Site prep is expected to take approximately 24 hours and is a short duration campaign, expected to take a week to complete. Short-term maintenance work hours shall not exceed 38 hours. This portion of the pollinator garden campaign is expected to occur over the duration of 7 months. Long-term maintenance work hours shall not exceed 25 hours per year and shall continue indefinitely unless the MOU is terminated or unforseen externalities interfere.

i. Site prep:
   - Transport of Materials: <2 hours
   - Application (shoveling, raking) of cardboard and organic layers: <16 hours
   - Loading, transporting, and laying of border rocks: <2 hours
   - Planting plugs: <4 hours

Total work hours for site prep shall not exceed 24 hours.

ii. Short-term maintenance:
   - Watering of site before planting: Estimated at a frequency of twice a week for <0.5 hours for a duration 6 months = <26 hours
   - Watering newly planted plugs: Estimated at a frequency of every other day for a duration of 2 weeks, then an estimated frequency of twice per week for a duration of 4 weeks = <12 hours

   Total work hours for short-term maintenance shall not exceed 38 hours.

iii. Long-term maintenance:
   - Chelsea chopping and trimming at a rate of <1 hour at an estimated frequency of twice a year: <2 hours per year
   - Weeding at a rate of <2 hours at an estimated frequency of 9 times per year: <18 hours per year
   - Fully saturating planted, established plugs with water during dry spells at a rate of <0.5 hours at an estimated frequency of 10 times per year: <5 hours per year

Total work hours for long-term maintenance per year shall not exceed 25 hours.

Section 42-515 **Design Requirements — Parks Dedication.**

[Ord. No. 4762, 10-2-2023]

1. Purpose. A parks dedication is required in order to provide an adequate level of public park facilities and services to new development based on the open space needs generated by the development and to ensure that such development occurs in a manner that is consistent with the components of the City's Comprehensive Plan. This Section should encourage the placement of parks within new residential developments or near or within a walkable distance of such developments, or will provide for the development of neighborhood or community parks by considering cash payment in lieu of parkland dedication.

2. Applicability. This provision shall apply to all residentially zoned subdivisions or re-subdivisions for residential uses that have not been previously subject to parkland dedication or fee in lieu of which create additional developable lots. This provision does not apply to boundary line adjustments or lot consolidations. The requirement for a fee-in-lieu payment also applies when a lot is rezoned from a non-residential district to a residential district, to be due prior to issuance of a building permit for development/redevelopment of the lot.

3. Prior To Recording The Final Plat. The applicant shall, as part of the final plat process, provide a warranty deed to the City in a form that is acceptable to the City or provide an equivalent fee-in-lieu payment, prior to recording the final plat.

4. Dedication Requirements. The area to be dedicated shall be clearly labeled and delineated on the subdivision plat and shall meet the following requirements:

a. Topography. At least fifty percent (50%) of the tract shall have a grade of less than four percent (4%). The balance may be covered with slope, streams, ponds, or other natural features. Retention areas or detention basins which are required by the City's stormwater regulations, drainage easements, or water detention areas will not qualify for the parkland requirement.

b. Public Use. This requirement shall be in addition to any private open space or recreation facilities designated for the sole benefit of the subdivision residents.

c. Location. The parkland shall have access on a public street with a minimum frontage of sixty (60) feet. Consideration shall be given to placing parks where they can be added to by future subdivisions or as an addition to an existing park. Consideration may be given to the existing and planned park facilities in the vicinity.

d. Size And Shape. The tract size shall not be less than one (1) acre in size, unless, in the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Director and the Parks Advisory Commission, this land can be added to an adjacent existing park or future park.

e. Approval. The Parks Advisory Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director shall recommend the tract as suitable for use as a public park if the requirements listed above have been deemed satisfied before the plat can be approved by the City Council. The area of the tract shall be based upon a calculation using the following schedule:

i. R-1, R-2, U-R Districts: five percent (5%) of total residential area subdivided.

ii. R-3, R-4 Districts: seven percent (7%) of total residential area subdivided.

5. Computation. The percentage of land deeded shall be based upon the total area of the development or subdivision used for residential uses (lots), excluding any non-residential uses. Non-residential uses shall include such areas as right-of-way, dedicated conservation areas, or private amenities; provided, there are no residences on these areas. If, during the subdivision process, a rezoning is proposed for the same property, this provision will apply at the rate that is consistent with the newly proposed zoning district.

6. Parks Director. The required dedication or fee is calculated by the Parks Director. The Parks Director will provide a report to the appropriate City departments, the Commission, and the City Council for final determination that describes the suitability of the proposed land to be dedicated and the way in which the parkland dedication requirement was calculated and, if applicable, the way in which the fee-in-lieu of was calculated and the amount due by the applicant.

7. Encumbrances. The deeded land shall be free of liens, special assessments, and other encumbrances and shall have all taxes paid to the date of deeding.

8. Use Of Dedications. Nothing herein shall prevent the City from using such deeded park property as allowed by Section 77.140, RSMo.

9. Fee-In-Lieu Of Park Dedication. If the land available within the subject subdivision proposal does not meet the requirements and stipulations of this Section, a fee-in-lieu of parkland dedication shall apply. The payment shall be calculated at a rate of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) per acre of the parkland acreage requirements as calculated above. Any fractional parts of an acre shall be prorated. This rate will apply unless the developer can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Parks Director and the Parks Advisory Commission that the current fair market value should be used.

10. Payment Of Fee-In-Lieu. All fee-in-lieu payments shall be deposited into the Parks and Recreation Land Escrow Account. The applicant shall deposit the required amount into this

account without recourse or the right of recovery. Such cash deposit shall be made prior to the recording of the final plat.

11. Use Of Fee-In-Lieu Payments. These cash payments shall be used for the following purposes in priority as determined by the City Council with the advice and recommendation of the Parks Director and the Parks Advisory Commission:

a. Acquisition of neighborhood or community parks within one-half (1.5) mile of the applicable subdivision.

b. Improvements to existing parks within one (1) mile of the applicable subdivision.

c. Acquisition or improvement of larger regional or community-wide parks.

12. Reassessment Of Rates. **The dollar amount per acre value established herein will be reassessed not sooner than every five (5) years from June 4, 2018, based on the cost of inflation/increase in property values.**

A parks impact fee of $175 would apply to all building permits. (This amount was arrived at by taking the average parkland fee payments over the past 10 years divided by the average number of dwelling units in that time with a multiplier, to ensure it will cover the increase in land cost).

This would include developments, redevelopments, lot consolidations, subdivisions, apartment buildings etc. – in all instances.

The number of housing units/apartment units/dwelling units would be multiplied by the fee.

The land requirement of the parkland dedication would remain. The core intent of items 1-8 in the current ordinance would not change, with 9-11 detailing the fee in lieu of changing to a park impact fee.

There has been some discussion of tying this to CPI increases, measured every two years at January.

This would be collected at the building permit stage.

PARKLAND FEES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

Wild Horse Run Plat 3	$	1,037.00
Wands 2	$	691.74
Rolla Investors White Columns Phase 2	$	4,099.20
Americare Cottages at Parkside	$	15,799.00
Joyner Estates	$	-
Charlotte's Acres	$	-
St. Maria's Investment Realty	$	27,000.28
RMU Municipal Acres #2 rezone R-2	$	-
Jared + Jared Designs Plat #1	$	435.00
Longview Lane Parker Addition	$	1,282.50
Ozark Terrace 3rd Addition	$	345.00
Cedar Trail Plat #4	$	16,222.50
1320 Independence Drive	$	540.00
Scottsvale Manor Lot 25	$	277.50
645 Houston Road (bought by Cedar Trail)	$	1,092.00
Highlands Plat A, Country Ridge & Osage	$	478.35
602 N. Olive, Blarney Stone Development	$	157.50
Woodcrest Subdivision	$	28,350.00
Highlands Phase One	$	9,948.38
TOTAL	$	107,755.95
AVERAGE	$	10,775.60

apply to redevelopments at half rate
uniformly applicable

Dwelling Units Av total 10 years		1258
AVERAGE		126
Calculated Parks Impact Fee	$	171.04
Round up		175

City of ROLLA Parks & Recreation

March 2026 Director's Update

Grants

- LWCF – Awaiting light audit to finish the lighting project at Wilson Field. Scoreboard installed, awaiting test. All Type Fence will take care of dugout fencing on Wilson and repairs at Bayless. (The latter is not grant related.)
  Working on bid packet for turf field with hoped for bidding and award this summer.
- ARPA – Outdoor exercise stations bid packet being revised for ARPA compliance. Expected release to vendor solicitation and advertising this week.

Operations/Facilities

- Work continues on the retaining wall. Hoping for completion by end of April or before. Once done, the light pole that is currently done has to be replaced and checked. Electric line also has to be repaired. League play and field rentals are impacted but workarounds have been found.
- Awaiting light audit on Kwantes Field.
- McNew Electric has completed work in the pump room from the 2024 fire at Splash Zone.
- Veterans Memorial – Brick memorial wall finished. Pavilions constructed, awaiting metal roofing.
- Parks has an expanded prison crew as Public Works ended their portion of the program.
- Hiring for summer positions has begun with recreation, aquatics, and maintenance.
- Staff will open parks bathrooms and the Rolla St. cemetery gates and place the downtown lower city hall parking lot shade cover by April 1, weather dependent.

Programming

- The Great Egg Scavenger Hunt, featuring clues and surprises, a free event, will take place March 23-28.
- The annual Easter Bone Hunt at the dog park at Buehler Park is Saturday, April 4. Pictures with the Easter Bunny, a small dog egg hunt and a big dog egg hunt, games, prizes, runs from noon to 1 p.m., with a cost of $5 per dog.
- Parks has requests to host a 3v3 and a 5v5 traveling soccer tournament this summer. Staff will meet with the Chamber to determine is financial support can be provided to offset costs.

Trees/Acorn Trail/Greenery

- New parks and trail tree specialist Julie Quackenbush expects to replace approximately 13 more dead trees this spring.
- Staff cleared out an area on each side of the trail from invasives, overhanging brush and vines, dead trees.
- Working on trying to coordinate a meeting with RBDA on the planters.

- Meeting with Community Garden board on the expired MOU and concerns relative to its compliance.
- Public Works is planning a tree planting program on Pine Street.