



PATTON PARK
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Patton Park Lake was called to order on May 15, 2026.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rob Knight, Amber Himelick, Tyler Owens, Tim West, Jeff Richards, Jacquie Truax, and Mark Holdgrafer.

Absent: Brad Ford.

The Board noted that one South section representative position remains vacant and that the Board is actively seeking a member to fill that seat so that each section is equally represented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amber Himelick presented the Treasurer's Report for March and April 2026. The park's total funds in savings and checking were \$49,481.31. Year-to-date dues collected totaled \$33,270.90.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The minutes of the April 11, 2026 and May 1, 2026 meetings were presented for approval.

Motion: Jeff Richards moved to approve the April 11, 2026 and May 1, 2026 minutes as presented.

Second: Tim West seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

The approved minutes will be posted on the park website, pattonparklake.org.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the ongoing work on the caretaker's cottage and the need to bring it to a livable condition. Items needing attention include the water heater, additional water-related issues, and flooring.

The Board noted that cameras have been installed. The Ring cameras may be accessed by members through their phones.

The burial of the water lines remains incomplete and is to be addressed as soon as possible.

The possibility of bringing in additional associate members from the nearby area was discussed. The Board noted that dues from such members could provide additional income for the park.

Foreclosure on the York property was discussed. The park has a lien in place and has taken all available steps to recover back dues. The matter is now in the court's hands.

LEGAL REVIEW

The park's attorney is reviewing the bylaws. Once that review is complete, the Board will consider any recommended changes or revised wording that may benefit the park.

The attorney is also reviewing the park's options regarding short-term rentals. Questions regarding prior actions remain under review and will be brought before the membership once fully understood. The Board noted that the membership has the authority to restrict such rentals by community vote, with approval requiring 70% of the total membership vote.

The Board also noted that the prior attorney has not yet returned the unused portion of the retainer.

EQUIPMENT

The Board discussed the availability of an almost new motor for the pontoon boat for \$900. The pontoon decking also needs replacement.

Trailers parked in the lower field need to be identified and moved. Photographs will be taken and posted in an effort to identify the owners. If ownership cannot be determined after a reasonable period, the trailers may be sold or scrapped. An abandoned paddle boat will also be removed if unclaimed.

DAM MATTERS

The left side of the dam requires repair. Rob Knight is in contact with engineers to determine the best solution.

The Board noted that money paid to the prior company for corrective work has not been returned.

The High Hazard issue was discussed, including the need to find a long-term solution for flooding and potential breaching concerns. The Board hopes future grant funding will cover most of the cost.

The Board also discussed motorizing the silt valve. The Board has been advised by several authorities that the silt valve should not be used to release additional water during rain events and is intended for silt removal only. Misuse may damage the valve. Motorizing the valve is strongly recommended, and FEMA may assist with the cost. The Board also discussed the need to know whom to contact if the valve fails.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board did not set a date for permanently removing Shawn, pending further review by legal counsel.

The park's chainsaw is missing.

Motion: Tim West moved to authorize the purchase of a replacement chainsaw and personal protective equipment for up to \$500.

Second: Amber Himelick seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

Tim West reported that he researched water heaters and determined that a 40-gallon unit is the best option. Additional fittings will also be needed. Tim will purchase and install the water heater at the caretaker's cabin.

FOURTH OF JULY PARTY

The Board approved \$1,000 for fireworks for the Fourth of July celebration. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, and members are asked to bring a side dish.

Amber Himelick is collecting raffle items to raise money for the park. Gift cards will be included in the raffle.

The Board also discussed opening the park to the public for future events. The Board recognized that demonstrating community involvement and goodwill may assist with future grant applications. The long-term goal is to allow nonmembers to attend certain events.

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Rob Knight reminded all members to use the park website for park information and to post relevant updates there. The website is to serve as the primary source for park-related matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion: Jeff Richards moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mark Holdgrafer seconded the motion.

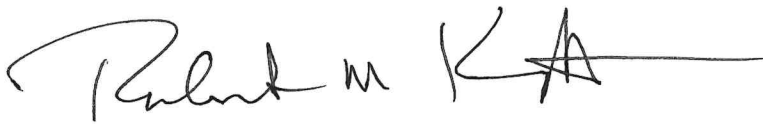
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

Approved by the Board of Directors on .

Secretary

President/Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Knight". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert M. Knight

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