

Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
March 19, 2026

1. Roll Call

Present: Nic Robinson, Emily Karwoski, Aaron Rasmussen, Mike Mackin, Penny Moberly, Marian Collison

Absent: Seth Williams

City Officials Present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver, Communications & Events Coordinator Katie Klus

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

3. Abstentions declared

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Moberly, to approve the minutes.
Vote on Motion 5-0. Motion carried.

- a. - 2/19/26 Parks & Recreation Board Mtg Minutes

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the agenda.
Vote on Motion 5-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

- a. -IISC: Friends of the Parks Presentation

Sara Ernester and Lex Baumann presented their capstone project. Board members asked questions about the background research that went into this project. They also asked questions related to recruitment of volunteers and other areas that similar organizations have struggled with. Sara and Lex also explained the connection to the previous IISC projects (Parks, Trails and Greenways Master Plan).

- b. -University of Iowa Engineering Bluejay Landing Presentation

Students from the University of Iowa, Matthew Rosonke, Anna Larson, and Eamonn Lally) presented about the Bluejay Landing Park design project. They requested the board's feedback on their initial design (they still have approximately a month of design time left). The board discussed inclusive features, traditional playground options, creek access, and maintenance of the features.

7. Action Items

a. - The Station rental policies, fee schedule

The board asked questions related to the rental rates, cleaning options, lawn/depot access, rental time blocks. Ultimately, the board felt comfortable recommending the adoption of these policies and rate schedule at this time. They also confirmed they are comfortable making adjustments to these policies as the facility gains more usage.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Mackin, to recommend adoption of policies and fee schedule. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items -

9. Reports and Comments:

City Administrator:

Trails - approved contract for CVT East

Pleasantview Park - ponds are under construction, fish habitat going in
Wolf Creek Ribbon Cutting coming soon

City Park Lighting: Working on proposals right now

CVT in Grain District opening

\$250k grant for Phase 1 for District Corridor Trail

13 Main St. project is no longer happening. They have purchased 15
Main St., formerly the Quilt Shop.

4 commercial lots coming online at Civic Campus

Keep Iowa Beautiful Award - ceremony in April

Communications & Events Coordinator:

Blues, Brew BBQ - \$10k Grant received

Events coming up - Keep Bondu Beautiful, Rails2Trail 5k/10k, Bondu
Blues, Brews and BBQ

Silo Art Mural Concept - The board discussed and recommended the
new mural concept be moved to City Council. There was discussion
about various elements of the mural. Nic questioned if the fish species
should be changed. There was discussion about representing
Bondurant's identity. Emily expressed how much she liked that the
concept wasn't literal. Penny spoke to art being a tourism draw. She
referenced Webster City's Arts R Alive annual event and how many
people it drew to a small town in central Iowa. A benefit of the app that
will activate the AR is that it can have additional areas devoted to art
tourism and promoting our small businesses in our Grain + Main. The
board inquired about next steps - the concept will be discussed by
council at the end of March.

10. Adjournment

Katie Klus
Communication and Events Coordinator

ATTEST:

Emily Karwoski
Board Chair