Town of Rock Creek Park Commission

Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2026
(7:00 p.m.)

Members In Attendance :
Roy Splinter roysplinter@yahoo.com Expires: 6/2028
Missy Hazen missyhazen@wwt.net Expires: 6/2031
Tony Gunderson tonygunderson88@gmail.com Expires 6/2033
LaMoine Dohms lamoine.dohms@gmail.com Expires: 6/2027
Ashley Anderson a.anderson.clan@gmail.com Expires 6/2029
Dustin Nelson nelsond8003@my.uwstout.edu Expires 6/2030

Public In Attendance: None

Members Absent : Jesse Weiss premier.plumbing@aol.com

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from the 09/02/2026 Meeting Roy moved to approve the minutes; Tony seconded.
3. On-Call Schedule
    a. Roy will be on call in October.
    b. The spring 2027 on-call schedule will be determined in April 2027.
4. Financial Summary Approval – Missy will email a snapshot to all members going forward.
5. Annual Tax Letter – Roy shared the requirements for the tax letter fundraising request. Missy will create and submit a letter to Kelly for this year.
6. Update on Pickleball Gate Latch and Continued Issues with Ride-On Toys – LaMoine said he has contacted the gate company and has not heard back, but he will follow up again. The board also agreed to reduce the number of ride-on toys next year.
7. Cash Raffle – Roy said the raffle idea needs to be shelved until next week. The application was not approved in time to hold the raffle this year. Roy will submit the appropriate letter on letterhead and obtain the license for next year.
8. Drone Update – Roy was able to contact the drone company. The operator is fully booked for 2027 with all the drones he currently owns. If the commission is very interested, he may purchase more drones. The cost would be $6,000 ($100 per drone for 60 drones). Other considerations include duration, timing, and logistics. Roy will contact him in December for an update.
9. Finalize Fireworks Amount for 2027 – With a few fireworks left over from last year, the commission agreed to try to budget the same amount as last year. Dustin moved to approve; Tony seconded.
10. Park Closing and Winterization Duties on 10/24 – Tony will prune trees in the upcoming weeks. The electricity will remain on for Trunk or Treat on the 22nd. Roy will communicate with Jesse regarding the bathroom closure.

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11. Fencing Updates – Roy will contact Diggers Hotline to ensure the fencing work can be completed safely. Installation on the 24th will require coordination with Derrick and Jesse.
12. Removal Projects – Roy discussed the removal of the horseshoe pits, volleyball sand, and electrical pole. Two trees need to be removed once the ground is frozen. Work on the back parking lot will also be completed at that time. LaMoine moved to approve contacting Derrick for labor; Dustin seconded.
13. Tentatively Establish Park Opening for 2027 – The first meeting of the season will be held on the second Monday of April (4/12/27). The opening date will be established at that meeting.
14. Officer Election – The bylaws were reviewed. Roy will continue as Chairperson, Missy as Treasurer, and Ashley as Secretary for 2027. Tony moved to approve; Dustin seconded. All were in favor.
15. List of Possible Improvements for 2027

    a. Repair Siding on Building – Looking into tin siding.
    b. b. Build an Addition to the Patio –Tony will obtain estimates for approximate sizes of 40 × 40 and 40 × 60.
    c. Electrical Update – Include the new pavilion.
    d. Playground Expansion – Consider a gaga pit.
    e. Pickleball Lights

16. Sign-Off on Bills and Receipts – Mowing was the only bill signed off on. The 2027 mowing contract will be sent in April.

17. Open comments from Committee Members
    a. Missy – Missy confirmed that everyone had read and approved the guidelines, which add pickleball to the area open to the public. Roy moved to approve a $50 donation to the Easter event. LaMoine seconded. Roy moved to preapprove one final mowing if the property needs it; Dustin seconded. A donation was received from the sportsmen's club pickleball tournament. Missy wrote a check to purchase a gift certificate to thank Wade.
    b. Roy – Kane Creek may be available next year. Keys will be distributed to Tony and Ashley later this month.
    c. Tony – Wildflower installation on the mound will be discussed at the April meeting.
    f. LaMoine – A group of ladies graciously mailed a $500 donation to be used for pickleball maintenance.
    g. Dustin – none
    h. Ashley – Ashley raised the possibility of a volleyball tournament as a fundraiser next year.
18. Next Meeting Dates – TBD April 2027
19. Meeting Adjourned At – 8:45 pm

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