

MEETING OF THE:	Peru Parks Board	DATE:	November 13, 2025
PRESIDING:	Alison Paul	SECRETARY:	Carson Ray
THOSE PRESENT:	VOTING MEMBERS: Joe Greene, Carson Ray, Alison Paul, ATTENDING: Cliff Helvie, Garry Clark, Jake Tschiniak, Brandi Murphy (City Council Liaison), Andrea Newnum		
THOSE ABSENT:	Meg Guthrie-Pennington		

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	A quorum was established; the meeting was called to order by President, Alison Paul at 5:00 PM.
Agenda Topic #1	Minutes October 2025
	The minutes from October were reviewed by present board members. A motion was made by Greene to accept the minutes as submitted, Ray seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.
Agenda Topic #3	Announcements
	City of Peru Clerk Treasurer, Andrea Newnum, was in attendance and announced that the Mayor's office made the decision between the last meeting and now to remove Garry Clark from his position as Golf Course Superintendent. The Mayor's office was working on restructuring positions and management of the city park systems and would soon release the new organization chart. The Mayor's office shared their intent to be transparent with information and anyone with questions should feel free to contact the Mayor's office directly. There were no questions or comments.
Agenda Topic #4	Reports
	<p>Clubhouse– Jake Tschiniak reported that play had significantly decreased due to cold weather. They were going to allow people to continue until the first frost. 2026 membership rates have been posted and announced. Early Bird specials are up until the end of the year. Jake will be in the pro shop or available by phone for sale of membership. The course now had 9 new fire extinguishers, an updated credit card system, new security cameras and a repaired water heater. This winter will be focused on membership sales and collecting advertisements for carts and tee box signs.</p> <p>Golf Course – Cliff reported the normal lawn maintenance of stick removal, mowing, and removing fallen limbs. He and crew are working on a few drainage projects at various holes. Priorities for the winter include repairing the railing and cart path in front of tee 3. Pulling out old drive behind tee 9 and lay wiring. Installing a new sign on Strawtown Pike. On November 17, the irrigation architect will arrive to help close the system for the winter. He will return early spring to help re-open.</p> <p>Parks – Cliff shared the restrooms have been closed and winterized for the season. They are completing the close of the splash pad. They will continue to clean up and organize the shops as they prepare for the end of 2025. They plan to use the remaining budgeted money to repair some equipment and replace others. The plan is to install the Rotary Park plastic benches before spring begins, work on the concession stand plumbing and cabinets. There is a meeting Cliff will attend on November 18 to discuss a 3 county project to help with invasive species that will run from 2026-2029. They are also working on new entry signs for the parks and hope to have them up for the 2026 season.</p>
Agenda Topic #5	Old Business
	Pickleball Tournament – they have been reserved for both Friday and Saturday. Cliff's team will ensure the courts get locked Friday night as they will store items there overnight.
Agenda Topic #6	New Business
	Amber Kenzie (Impact Melanoma) – Amber presented to the board and attendees regarding a foundation called "Impact Melanoma". This foundation helps provide free sunscreen dispensers in city parks and other locations. Amber is working on securing local business sponsors to cover the cost of the initial devices. There was discussion on the number of dispensers and where they could be located in

	our parks. A motion was made by Paul to support adding these dispensers to the park system, Ray seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously. Amber was asked to come back in 2026 with an updated on funds raised and to see if the board could assist her in any other way.
Agenda Topic #7	Comments
	Cheryl Broyles from Miami County Community Foundation attended the meeting to learn more about on-going projects and priorities for 2026 to see if her organization could assist. Carson will share the board's emails with her. Chair Alison Paul recognized the hard work and great progress made by the Parks system and staff this year. She thanked the leaders for their dedication and wished everyone a great holiday. Looking forward to a great 2026.
	Next Meeting & Adjournment
	With no further matters left on the agenda, the Park's Board meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM. The next meeting will be held, February 12, 2026 in the City Hall Chambers.