



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

**110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina,
27306**

July 24, 2025

The Mount Gilead Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Mount Gilead Library, 119 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina. Present were Wahoo McCormick, Tara Clark, Taryn Gross, Jennifer Haywood, Melanie St. Germain and Allena Ingram. Absent: Rick Moore, Bianca Haithcock and Barrett Brown.

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Haywood called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Tabled for the next meeting on August 21, 2025

ITEM II. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fall Festival Updates

- Melanie St. Germain has sent out a list of businesses to the members to reach out for sponsors. Allena Ingram has started reaching out to the vendors to see who's all coming back this year.
- Last meeting they discussed they didn't want the stilt guy and the money used for that could go somewhere else for the kids. Jennifer Haywood would like to see something saying kids' corner. Usually where the bouncy houses are at for the kids. So the parents know that everything down that street is for the children. Where the kids can go and the parents don't have to pay. Talked about touch a truck and that will be at the Fire Department.
- The band will be in the normal spot since people sit in the grass to listen. The previous town manager Dylan H. has already paid a deposit on the two headliner bands with one deposit \$2,000 and the other \$500. Wahoo McCormick mentioned that The Tams will not be using the Fire Department this year to change clothes.
- Jennifer asked the members what they want to put in the kids' corner. Bouncy house. They are bringing the mechanical bull back last year it was popular.
- Taryn G. asked that since they are closing the street all the way to the caution light. Why can't they do the band at the funeral home and have people use the grass to sit in. Wahoo then asked where you would get power.

- Jennifer H. is going to call Jack Jordan and ask if we can use his trailer for the festival. She also going to call the bands and ask them how much power do they pull?
- Wahoo mentioned that the trash boxes are already ordered.
- Jennifer mentioned that at the last meeting the hay bales and mums and just having them in one centralized location with a pretty display like a photo shop. Or a big balloon arch with a banner that says Mt. Gilead Fall Festival.
- Talked about auctioning off the mums and giving that money to shop with a cop. Melanie G. asked about the hole in the wall and if that could be set up like a photo spot and Jennifer said they are thinking about having a Halloween type thing there.
- Taryn G. asked about the Gelly ball and seeing if we can have it at the park.
- Jennifer asked the members do they want to do a Chili or BBQ cook off.
- Melanie G. suggested a farmer market. She will be calling the farmers
- Jennifer has made a mock up contract for the vendors. If they damage the property they will be fine for \$250 and must leave their space.
- Taryn G. suggested they find out how long it takes the bands to set up and break down and that's how long you give the dance group to participate. Also going to see if we can get pumpkins donated.
- Jennifer H. said that Olivia and Bianca will be the ones who take the pictures at Fall Festival this year.
- Melanie G. suggested to have a contest where the kids design the next Fall Festival shirt. Taryn G. agreed but for next year that way they will have a station for it.
- Wahoo said streets will be blocked off at 7 am. Jennifer said that vendors will start setting up at 8 am and their vehicle has to be off the street no later than 9:30 am.
- Some of the lifeguards will be handling a Parks and Rec table to boost the park program up.

ITEM IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- Jennifer mentioned the night swim and the dates. August 7th – Barbie Night, August 15th – Glow Swim Night, August 22nd – Dive in movie night starts at 6 pm and August 29th – Luau Employee Night Swim.
- Next meeting will be August 21, 2025

ITEM V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Taryn Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Tara Clark. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

Jennifer Haywood, President

Allena Ingram, Secretary