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TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

March 26, 2026

The Mount Gilead Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Mount Gilead Library, 119 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina. Present: Jennifer Haywood, Tara Clark, Bianca Haithcock, Melanie St. Germain, Commissioner Dr. Vera Richardson and Town Manager Barrett Brown. Absent: Taryn Gross, Ricky Moore and Allena Ingram.

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No Agenda was provided.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 19, 2026 minutes were presented. The minutes were postponed to the next meeting.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business due to no agenda provided.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Fall Festival**

- Need to review the Vendor Application for 2026 to include liability for damage. Jennifer will contact bull riding vendor for Fall Festival 2026.

B. **Logo for Park Program**

- Jennifer showed a completed design. Melanie questioned whether the logo complies with the Town of Mount Gilead branding policy.

C. **Extension of Pool Hours to Dusk, 2026 Pool Pass Pricing, Staff Discounts**

- Discussion resulted in a change of Pool Hours on Tuesday and Thursday, 1 PM -7PM. Staff discount for Town of Mount Gilead Staff and Mount Gilead Volunteer Fire Fighters, and rates for 2026

as \$100/Family of Four. \$25.00/individual regardless of age.
\$3.00/visit for non-members.

D. RecDesk Subscription

- Jennifer requested to **check into** the RecDesk app to streamline signups and payment. Barrett stated he would inquire about the costs for 2026-2027 budget year.

E. Christmas on The Square, Parade, Tree Lighting

- Barrett and Vera raised a request for Christmas on the Square, the tree lighting, and parade to be Town events planned by the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Melanie requested that the Jingle Bell Jaunt stay with its existing planners.

ITEM V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Chair: Jennifer Haywood

- **Attempted to contact Partnership for Children**
- Summer Park Program: Jennifer is in discussions with Mount Gilead Elementary School to partner with the Summer Park Program. The Summer Park Program will tentatively include programs from NC Cooperative Extension, Chief LeGrand, Chief Byrd, and tutoring at MGES as well as a community service project. The Park Program theme for 2026 is integrity.
- Pool re-plastering work will begin 4/13 or 4/20/26. The pool is planning to open 5/23 or 5/24/26.
- The pump house window is installed and electrical work is in progress. Camera equipment was damaged during the lighting strike. Current key holders were listed as Wahoo McCormick, Jennifer Haywood and Chief LeGrand.
- Pool Lifeguard applications **are being** received, with the majority of 2025 staff returning.
- Jennifer will attend Lifeguard instructor training on **4/18/2026**. It will also cover 1st aid, Infant/Child/Adult CPR and AED.
- \$30/per participant reimbursement was submitted to Montgomery County. The Park Program also receives \$20 per participant from **paying child. Have submitted 2025 Park Program roster to apply for funds from town.**
- Wee Ball **will** take place in 2026. Fence and field repairs in progress.

Staff Reports: Barrett Brown

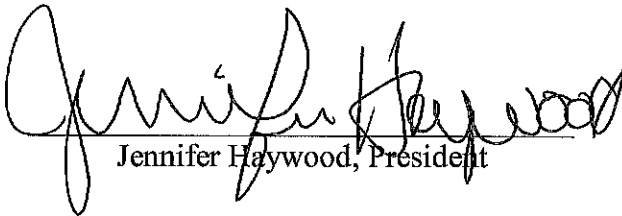
- Advised Baseball Field Policy was approved by legal counsel for use.
- Albert Johnson Pocket Park grand opening slated between 10/26-12/26/26
- Dr. Vera Richardson: Requested that the Committee revisit the February 2026 approved motion to refer Committee Member Ricky

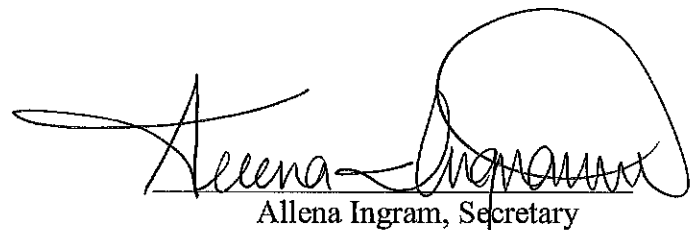
Moore to the Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners for removal due to 12 unapproved absences. Discussion included the necessity of a Code of Conduct, Attendance Policy, Bylaws of the Parks & Rec Committee, and Ordinances covering Parks & Recreation to be provided to the Committee. **Committee agreed to rescind vote.**

- *Tara Clark* requested the Parks & Rec consider bringing a new recreation program, Disc Golf, to Stanback Park. Melanie was tasked with contacting Wahoo McCormick regarding possible existing equipment in storage.
- *Bianca Haithcock* raised the need for the Snack Attack Softball Tournament.
- *Melanie St. Germain* music for Fall Festival 2026: Discussed Speckled Roots, Nxt Level Band of Charlotte, Shawn Dykes Spirit of Praise Band, and Funky Daddy Band. Melanie provided 2026 contracts/pricing for Shawn Dykes and Spirit of Praise Band, Nxt Level Band of Charlotte. Played an example of Funky Daddy Band pending contract terms receipt. Provided Rock Therapy terms for 2026 Fall Festival. Band decision postponed until April 2026 meeting. Melanie raised concerns with 6 months remaining before Fall Festival and need to lock in contracts for music acts and activity vendors.
- Clean up day at Stanback Park is May 9, 2026, in partnership with the **Gilmont Club.**
- **Mother's Day in the Park was discussed.**

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.


Jennifer Haywood, President


Allena Ingram, Secretary