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MURPHY PARKS AND RECREATION AND
KEEP MURPHY BEAUTIFUL BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
206 NORTH MURPHY ROAD
MURPHY, TEXAS 75094

NOTICE is hereby given of a meeting of the Parks and Recreation and Keep Murphy Beautiful Board of the City of Murphy, Collin County, State of Texas, to be held on May 11, 2026, at Murphy City Hall for the purpose of considering the following items. The Parks and Recreation and Keep Murphy Beautiful Board reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including §551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the City); §551.072 (discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); §551.074 (discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); and §551.087 (discussing economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Council Chambers is open to the public. This portion of the agenda is the public's opportunity to address the Parks and Recreation and Keep Murphy Beautiful Boards about any item listed on the agenda, except public hearings, or to provide a general comment. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Parks and Recreation and Keep Murphy Beautiful Boards are not permitted to act on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. Items suggested for action may be placed on a future agenda, at the Board's sole discretion.

5. PRESENTATIONS

FY26 Budget update. Matt Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation.

6. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act on the March 9, 2026, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. Jacy Mitchell, Executive Administrative Assistant

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7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Park maintenance updates. Cody Clark, Parks Superintendent.
- B. Recreation and event updates. Kayla McFarland, Recreation Superintendent.

8. ADJOURNMENT

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Murphy Parks and Recreation and Keep Murphy Board Meeting Agenda and that this notice was posted on the designated bulletin

board at Murphy City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094; a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times, and said notice was posted on May 5, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for 3 business days prior to the scheduled meeting pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Jacy Mitchell
Executive Administrative Assistant

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**MURPHY PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
206 NORTH MURPHY ROAD
MURPHY, TEXAS 75094**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Clay Dethloff, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Diana Cain, led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

MEMBERS

Vice Chair Clay Dethloff

PRESENT:

Secretary Keyla Kirton

Board Member Diana Cain

Board Member Mike Jenkins

Board Member Jeff Brettnacher

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chair Felicia Zimmer

Board Member Owais Khan

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Discuss Strategic Plan progress. Matt Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Matt Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided a progress and status update on the City’s Strategic Plan, including highlights from work completed in 2025 and the need to report progress at the beginning of 2026. He noted a continued focus on engagement and collaboration to increase community involvement.

He shared that the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is active and is expected to plan and host an event by the end of the school year. He also noted that participation in the Great American Cleanup through Keep America Beautiful, an already planned event, may be transitioned into a cleanup event.

Matt reported that the Parks content series is underway, with videos highlighting each park being posted to Facebook and featuring Parks staff. He also discussed the “Out of Office Fridays” concept, which is being implemented by setting up tables at local businesses to share information and engage residents. Additional visibility efforts include Ashley distributing flyers at Walmart and other local businesses.

He stated that the citywide website redesign is in progress, with goals of reducing the number of clicks needed to find information, making content easier to access, and giving Parks and Recreation a more prominent presence on the website.

Regarding partnerships, beautification, and community character, Matt shared that staff is developing lists for volunteer projects and “adopt-a-spot” locations, such as flower

beds and streets. This initiative is intended to support quarterly cleanup and beautification efforts, with signup opportunities planned for publication after the website redesign is completed.

He also noted that staff is currently coordinating with the Public Affairs Officer, as well as Fire and Police Department staff, to compile HOA contacts and identify HOA meetings held in City buildings in order to request brief agenda time slots.

6. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Consider and/or act on the approval of January 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

BOARD ACTION: **APPROVED**
Keyla Kirton moved to approve the January 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Diana Cain seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Absent: Owais Khan and Felicia Zimmer. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- b. Consider and/or act on the approval of the Parks and Recreation board bylaws to incorporate Keep Murphy Beautiful.

BOARD ACTION: **APPROVED**
Keyla Kirton moved to approve the Parks and Recreation / Keep Murphy Beautiful bylaw updates. Diana Cain seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Absent: Owais Khan and Felicia Zimmer. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Park maintenance updates. Cody Clark, Parks Superintendent.

Cody Clark, Parks Superintendent, provided an update to the board regarding ongoing park maintenance and projects. He reported that three City of Murphy logo trees were recently planted at City Hall and will continue to be monitored for growth and health. The tree trimming contract is nearing completion, with remaining funds reserved for emergency needs. He also shared that the tree contractor assisted with a citywide tree survey, which included valuations and detailed assessments, and noted that a follow-up meeting with the contractor is planned in the coming weeks.

Mr. Clark stated that work in the Timbers area channel took place over the course of approximately one week. He confirmed that all park restrooms are now open to the public. Looking ahead, fertilizer is expected to be delivered within the next week, and irrigation systems continue to be consistently maintained, with the irrigator actively addressing any issues as they arise.

- b. Recreation and Event Updates. Kayla McFarland, Recreation Superintendent.

Kayla McFarland, Recreation Superintendent, provided an update on recent programs, events, and facility improvements. She reported that 166 participants attended the Rainbow Trout Roundup, an increase from 142 attendees the previous year. A photo featuring the child who caught the largemouth bass at the event is scheduled to be shared publicly. She also announced that the first Food Truck Friday event of the season is scheduled for Friday, March 13th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Murphy Central Park

Food Truck Court, featuring four confirmed food trucks, a DJ, and 90's/2000's-themed trivia. The next Food Truck Friday will take place on Friday, May 7th with a sports trivia theme.

Mrs. McFarland noted that staff continues to recruit barbecue teams for the upcoming event, with tickets anticipated to go on sale in late March or early April. She added that the Sounds at Sundown concert series lineup is scheduled to be released on April 1st.

In facility updates, she shared that a new overhead, ceiling drop-down volleyball net system has been installed in the Murphy Community Center gym, and the previous equipment has been sent to auction. A new flagpole has also been installed at the Community Center, and new chairs have been delivered and are currently being unpacked.

Mrs. McFarland also highlighted that submissions for the Keep Murphy Beautiful Recycle Truck Art Contest are currently on display in the foyer of City Hall, and board members were invited to remain after the meeting to assist with judging. She introduced a new initiative, the Murphy Community Art Gallery at the Murphy Activity Center, which will feature seasonal exhibits. Eligibility to submit artwork is limited to Murphy residents or individuals employed within the City. The Parks and Recreation Keep Murphy Beautiful Board has been asked to assist in reviewing submissions, with a focus on overall quality. She noted that artwork will not be sold directly through the gallery; instead, a QR code will be displayed alongside each piece to allow interested parties to contact the artist.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was entertained by the Vice Chair, Clay Dethloff, and the Park and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 06:45 pm.

ATTEST:

Jacy Mitchell

Jacy Mitchell,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:

Keyla Kirton,
Secretary