

**City of Twin Oaks
Park Committee Meeting
January 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Cindy Cornelius, Chair, Connie Fortune, Neda Hardin, Leah Harwell and Rachael Stark; Jake Kemper, Public Works Supervisor; Paula Dries, Staff

Approval of Agenda

Connie moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Leah – Approved 4-0

Approval of November 2025 Minutes

Rachael moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Neda – Approved 4-0

Review of Winter Lighting Event

The committee members thought the event was a success. The lighting was great and Santa was a big hit. Some suggestions for next year were:

- Decorate a chair for Santa and place it on the sundeck
- Have Christmas music
- Light up the 4x4 sleigh

Chingo – February 21, 2026

The charge for chili and bingo will be \$10.00 to be paid by credit card only. Attendees may purchase five additional bingo sheets the night of the event for \$5.00 cash. Connie volunteered to put the bingo packets together.

People entering the chili cook-off must have their chili at City Hall by 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for attendees wanting to eat and judge the chili entries. Bingo will start at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The food to be served will be chili and hot dogs. The food and drinks we need to purchase are:

- Shredded Cheese
- Oyster Crackers
- Buns
- Condiments
- Water

Janet will be asked to grill the hot dogs.

Rachael and Leah volunteered to contact the businesses in Twin Oaks to determine if they will donate gift cards or items for a gift basket. Jake is going to ask Ace if they would like to donate. We currently have some Amazon gift cards donated by Sav-On Liquor.

The committee decided to play Heads or Tails and/or Dead or Alive between a few of the 10 games. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Additionally, we are going to encourage people to bring some non-perishable food items to be donated to a food bank. Those donating at least two items will be entered into a separate raffle.

Ideas for a March Event

The committee discussed possible ideas for an event to be held in March. A few ideas were a book swap, line dancing class or a trivia night. No decision was made except possibly having a trivia night in September.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th

Because we had to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt last year due to inclement weather all the eggs are filled and the prizes are purchased. The only outstanding item is to find someone to be the bunny.

Arbor Day – April 21st

Fourth graders from Valley Park School will be in attendance. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and water will be served. Jake asked the committee members if they had any ideas on what variety of tree should be planted. A couple of suggestions were a dogwood or purple plum.

Movie Night – May 15th

The committee would like to show Finding Nemo if possible.

Family Fun Day – June 13th

Paula will contact Game World and try to secure the Eurobungy, a bounce house, The Wizard and crazy foam for the event. We would also like to have a balloon artist. Like last year we plan to have face tattoos and carnival games to include ring toss and a lollipop tree. It was suggested we try to book the Dirty Pop food truck. We also plan to serve cotton candy, snow cones and water.

July 3rd Concert and Fireworks

Cindy is going to look for a DJ. We are going to purchase decorations celebrating the 250th year of the U.S. The committee discussed having a cake for the 250th.

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Leah – Approved 5-0.

APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF March, 2026

Cindy Cornelius Connie Fortune

Cindy Cornelius, Chairman

Connie Fortune, Secretary