

**City of Twin Oaks
Park Committee Meeting
February 12, 2026**

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Cindy Cornelius, Chair, Moni Ebbinghaus, Neda Hardin, Leah Harwell, Vice-Chair and Janet Herbold; Jim Crawford, Aldermanic liaison, Jake Kemper, Public Works Supervisor; Paula Dries, Staff

Approval of Agenda

Leah Harwell moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Moni Ebbinghaus – Approved 5-0

Approval of January 2026 Minutes

Moni moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Neda Hardin – Approved 5-0

Chingo Event Preparations

The committee discussed ongoing website registration issues, including repeat confirmation emails. The provider is troubleshooting, and the committee will test the process after the event to prevent future problems. Facility bookings are working well, and residents are encouraged to sign up for notifications on the new city website.

Event logistics were reviewed, with 13 spots still available. Seating will remain flexible, and the room will include guest tables, bingo, chili entries, and food stations. To avoid last year's electrical issues, power will be distributed across circuits. Setup begins at 6:00 PM, with play at 7:00 PM; committee members will arrive around 5:30–5:45 PM.

Food plans include hot dogs, buns, condiments, and water, with bulk items from Sam's and additional items from Schnucks. Twelve prizes are needed, including gift cards for bingo rounds, a chili winner prize, and a food donation prize. Some gift cards are being carried over, and donation requests are ongoing.

Ticketing details were confirmed for the food donation raffle, 50/50 raffle, and additional bingo cards. Volunteers were assigned setup and cooking duties, and the new PA system will be tested before the event. The committee also noted challenges obtaining donations from major chains, while some local restaurants have been supportive.

July 3rd event

Chair, Cindy Cornelius confirmed Rockstar DJs for the July 4th fireworks event at a cost of \$1,080 (6:30–10:30 PM). Space and equipment needs were reviewed to allow adequate dancing area. A drone show was considered but dismissed due to tree coverage, visibility concerns, and cost.

Movie Night

The committee discussed options for movies for Movie Night on May 15, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* was selected, with sunset at 8:15 PM. Other options discussed included *Monty Python* and *The Three Musketeers*. City staff Paula Dries will manage licensing and logistics.

Family Fun Day

Planning continues for Family Fun Day on June 13. Progress has been made on Game World reservations for activities, and food truck options are being explored. Wing Snob is a favored choice for affordability and quality, and Moodlicious Ice Cream has been contacted for pricing.

Easter Egg Hunt-April 4th

Preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt are complete, with gifts, baskets, and décor ready. Selfie/photo props for the Easter Bunny were rediscovered and will be used for the Easter Egg Hunt event.

Meeting time proposal

Leah proposed moving the meeting start time from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM for future meetings. The committee approved the change, and next month's meeting will serve as the first trial of the new start time.

With no further business Janet motioned to adjourn seconded by Leah.

APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF February, 2026

Cindy Cornelius

Cindy Cornelius, Chairman

Connie Fortune

Connie Fortune, Secretary