

City of Twin Oaks
Park Committee Meeting
May 14, 2026

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Cindy Cornelius, Chair, Leah Harwell, Vice Chair, Moni Ebbinghaus, Neda Hardin and Janet Herbold, Paula Dries, Assistant Clerk, and Jake Kemper, Public Works Supervisor

Approval of Agenda

Leah moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Neda—Approved 5-0

Approval of March 12, 2026 Minutes

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

Review of the Goat Parade-May 8, 2026

The goats were a success, drawing strong community engagement and positive feedback, especially for the Friday parade. Members supported repeating the event next year, with humorous discussion of alternative animals. Future grazing areas may rotate throughout the park.

Movie Night— May 15, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Movie Night preparations are complete. Isaiah will oversee setup, with the showing of *Ferris Bueller* scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m. Popcorn will be available. Members expressed hope for strong participation despite several graduation events occurring the same evening.

Family Fun Day – June 13, 2026 from 1:00-4:00 pm

Paula and Leah reported outreach to food vendors, including a request through the “Roaming Hunger” website, which received an immediate response. Members discussed the \$100 concierge booking service as a worthwhile option due to past vendor response issues.

The group also discussed purchasing a pre-loaded ice cream cart to provide free treats at the event. Staff will continue coordinating food options for Family Fun Day.

Art Project

The Committee reviewed a previously discussed project involving ideas for carving a dead tree. Leah gathered information that included one quote, other vendors required photos and finalized design details. Jake will provide photographs of the tree for submission to the artists.

Design ideas include an owl, park mascot “Blue,” a winged angel, or fish. The project may receive mixed feedback but is viewed as an addition to park character. Members noted sculptures will require maintenance or eventual replacement.

Yoga at City Hall Review – May 14 at 5:30 p.m.

The most recent yoga class had eight attendees, and the instructor was praised for clear instruction. The next session is scheduled for May 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Staff noted technical issues with the online sign-up system, including excessive confirmation emails, and are working toward a resolution.

Twin Oaks July 3rd Celebration

The Committee reviewed plans for the July 3rd America 250 event. Existing bunting will be supplemented with additional 250th-themed décor, including a planned “250” photo arch by the lake and commemorative flags along park paths.

Custom staff T-shirts will be produced, and glow sticks are being considered for event outreach.

“Quain” of Superstar DJs is confirmed, Committee discussed the pavilion serving as an open-air dance floor. Fans and misting devices were also discussed as items to fight the heat.

Free Little Library

The Committee discussed the idea of installing a “take one, leave one” free little library box for book exchange, proposed for placement near a main entry or parking area.

Key considerations included ensuring easy public access while managing the potential for large or unmanageable book donations.

Committee Membership

The Committee currently has a vacancy, and outreach efforts to fill the position are underway.


Jake Kemper Update

Jake Kemper provided an update to the Committee on several ongoing and future items.

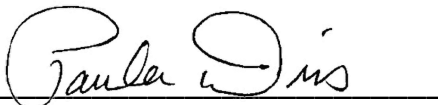
Wi-Fi and lighting installations are being monitored to ensure completion by early July. Planting solutions for the Boly entrance are still under consideration. Jake and April will continue exploring options for the Northwoods and the Nature Garden.

With no further discussions Janet moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Leah-Approved 5-0

APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF June, 2026



Cindy Cornelius, Chairman



Paula Dries, Assistant City Clerk