

MINUTES OF APRIL 21st, 2026
MEETING OF THE BEDFORD PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD

The monthly meeting of the Bedford Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday April 21st, 2026, at the Stonegate Arts & Education Center, 931 15th Street, Bedford, Indiana, at the hour of 4:30 P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESENT: Angie Sanders, Trevor Rynders, Jo Underwood, Larry Arnold, Barb Miller

ABSENT: None

Angie Sanders, Board President, states are there any changes to the minutes? Seeing none, they will stand.

Angie Sanders, Board President, states are there any changes to the claims?

A motion was made by Trevor Rynders, Board Vice President, seconded by Larry Arnold, Board Secretary, to approve the claims as submitted. All were in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, 2026 Golf Tournament Schedule.

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| • May 2 nd (Saturday) | Boys BNL Invitational | Tee Times (8am) |
| • May 16 th (Saturday) | BNL Boys Basketball | Shotgun (1pm) <u>OTIS</u> |
| • May 30 th (Saturday) | Freeze the Fight | Shotgun (8am) <u>Otis</u> |
| • June 7 th (Sunday) | Boat Club | Shotgun (8am) <u>OTIS</u> |
| • June 13 th , 14 th (Saturday Sunday) | Senior City | Tee Times (8:00am) |
| • June 13 th , 14 th (Saturday Sunday) | Ladies City | Tee Times (11:00am) |
| • June 13 th , 14 th (Saturday Sunday) | Junior City | Tee Times (12pm) |
| • June 19 th (Friday) | Restoration Church | Shotgun (1pm) <u>BH</u> |
| • June 20 th (Saturday) | Shrine Club | Shotgun (8:00am) <u>OTIS</u> |
| • June 27 th (Saturday) | Neeson Memorial | Shotgun (9am) <u>BH</u> |

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| • July 11 th , 12 th , 18 th , 19 th (Sat, Sun) | Men's City | Tee Times (8:00am) |
| • July 25 th (Saturday) | Stenger Memorial | Shotgun (8:00am) BH |
| • July 26 th (Sunday) | American Legion | Shotgun (8:00am) |
| • August 1 st (Saturday) | Curt Gilstrap Memorial | Shotgun (8:30am) BH |
| • August 15 th (Saturday) | Orleans Booster | Shotgun (8:30am) BH |
| • August 22 nd (Saturday) | BNL Girls Invitational | Shotgun (8:30am) |
| • August 29 th (Saturday) | BNL Girls Basketball | Shotgun (8:30am) BH |
| • Sept 5 th , 6 th (Sat, Sun) | Claude Akins | Shotgun (7am, 1:30p) ALL |
| • Sep 12 th (Saturday) | Heltonville Scramble | Shotgun (8:30am) BH |
| • Sept. 19 th (Saturday) | Girls IHSA Sectional | Tee Times (8:30am) |
| • Oct 10 th (Saturday) | Bedford Firefighters Open | Shotgun (8:30am) BH |

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, this is the girls' basketball tournament. There was a conflict with the date of August the 8th and they would like to move it to August the 29th. I checked with Austin and the date is fine. So, they are asking to switch from the 8th to the 29th.

Angie Sanders, Board President, I don't see a problem with that. So, do we have a motion to accept that?

A motion was made by Barb Miller, Board Member, seconded by Jo Underwood, Board Member, to approve the 2026 Golf Tournament Schedule as submitted. All were in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, BNL golf team memberships and prorated payments...

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, I had a meeting with the athletic dept from BNL and their coaches. We came to an agreement on a program that we do with the middle school right now. If the student doesn't know if they want the membership for a whole year, they can have a prorated membership during the season then if they decide to play the full year they can pay the second half. We agreed to a partial membership that is from April 12th-October 1st which is 6 months. That covers both the high school boys and girls golf

seasons and then if they want to play outside of that they would have to pay the other half of the membership. Then to ensure that they are compatible they will have special passes they have to show us each time they come to play. They can't just walk through the door and get free ball or just play.

Angie Sanders, Board President, are there any questions? I was wondering if they decide to go ahead and pay for the full membership how do they go about that?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, said if they decide to pay the second half of the membership, we have a button for student membership for the school teams and that just charges them either for the first partial payment or the second partial payment. Then we have one for full student membership and a full range pass.

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, it's like what we did with the junior high group where they pay a partial payment during season then pay the rest if they play the rest of the year. This is just a little different because the seasons don't run on a normal calendar. Normal memberships run from January 1 through December 31st. But if these students want to play from January 1 through April 1, they will have to pay for the full membership and that way we aren't losing out on any money. We are just trying to help out the kids that are on the team that don't play all year round and they won't be out the money full the full year membership.

Angie Sanders, Board President, will that partial membership be the same as what the middle school kids pay or different?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, it will be exactly half and so it is just a little bit different because we split it fifty percent exactly.

Angie Sanders, Board President, do I have a motion to accept the BNL golf team prorated membership price?

A motion was made by Larry Arnold, Board Secretary, seconded by Trevor Rynders, Board Vice President, to approve the BNL golf team prorated membership. All were in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Transfer of membership of Greg Benham.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, Mr. Benham passed away earlier this month and one of his family members came in said he has only played a handful of times this year and they were requesting that we transfer it to one of the family members and they are just asking us to switch the name. That is the request that the family is wanting

Angie Sanders, Board president, do I have a motion to transfer.

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, before we make a motion. I'm pretty sure that the policy is

that if the membership has been activated and used at all then it is not transferable. It's entirely up to you guys because we aren't out any money because they have already paid for the membership. But that would be going against what policy is.

Angie Sanders, Board President, can I ask how many times has he used the membership?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, I do not have an exact number, but I have seen him enough to recognize him if that puts it into perspective.

Angie Sanders, Board President, so since it does go against policy do we want to table that? Do you think that would be an issue with the family? Because it's going against policy if we feel like we need to discuss that and see how many times he has actually used it.

Austin Judy, Golf professional, I can have that exact number at the next meeting.

Angie Sanders, Board President, I wonder when he purchased this membership.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, I believe that was January of this year.

Angie Sanders, Board president, I would think that since he hasn't used it very often.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, He had used it maybe the first week in February, so he had used it for about 4 weeks.

Angie Sanders, Board President, do I have a motion to table the membership transfer of Greg Benham until next month.

Jo Underwood, Board Member, what's the policy again?

Amber McIntyre, Office Manager, the policy is, once the membership is activated or is used it is no longer transferable or refundable. That was the board set policy a few years ago.

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, so I would think if you guys were to approve this we would need to change policy.

Jo Underwood, Board Member, I feel like if you approve this one you're just opening it up for others.

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, that's why you have policies, so this doesn't happen.

Jo Underwood, Board Member, that's what I wondered if you could amend the policy.

Angie Sanders, Board President, that's why I was wondering if he even used it?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, he definitely used it.

Angie Sanders, Board President, if he bought it in January and golf is a fair-weather sport, how many rounds he had. Just because that could maybe be an amendment to the policy. If we table it the Austin could have time to see how many rounds he actually played and we would have more information.

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, that's what I would recommend.

A motion was made by Trevor Rynders, Board Vice President, seconded by Jo Underwood, Board Member, to table the transfer of Greg Benham. All were in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, POS system from Golf Now.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, all of our POS system is currently set up through Golf Now. They take one tee time per day and that's what pays for our subscription. I want to add an additional system that will come with the monitor screen, device and the credit card system and everything. But to get that we will have to give them a second tee time slot to pay for that until it is paid off. So, there would not be an additional fee up front they would just take that off of the tee sheet until that is paid for. I strongly recommend we get that because the efficiency of the use and the volume that we need this would be a lot faster and eliminate some of the issues we have had in the past.

Angie Sanders, Board President, can you explain exactly...

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, Golf Now feels like a free system but its not. So, each day they get one tee time it could be at any time. Basically, it's called hot deal on line and when someone books that that money does not go to us. It goes directly to them. So, they can max out at \$20 that day. That's how they make their money. So, we give them a second tee time just for a short period of time until our second system is paid for. My estimation this would be paid for in probably about a month with the busy season coming up.

Angie Sanders, board President, how many golf now hot deals are there.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, one a day. Sometimes it's just one golfer so it could be like \$12 but its just once a day. In January and February, they got zero dollars because no one bought the hot deal. They can only take one tee time right now. With the second system they would take two but only for a short time then go back to just one when this system is paid for.

Angie Sander, Board President, and the purpose for the second system is?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, It's for efficiency and growth. We have been very busy and long lines and I'm watching someone and can only check out one person. This would let us check out more than one person at a time. Get people in and out faster. We get complaints of long waits sometimes.

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, stated also when you are checking someone out the phone rings the other person can answer the phone and book the tee time on the other computer instead of waiting on them to get off the computer we have now. You would now have two computers that can do the same thing.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, I'm usually there all day and there is usually two people at the counter all day. So, it will be used every day.

Angie Sanders, Board President, I assume everyone you have employed now knows how to use that system?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, yes, they all do.

Angie Sanders, Board President, do I have a motion to accept the new POS system and additional Hot Deal for the Golf Now?

A motion was made by Barb Miller, Board Member, seconded by Trevor Rynders, Board Vice President, to approve the second POS system and Hot Deal. All were in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, fee for Golf Now no-shows.

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, people schedule through golf now and just don't show up. So, we get stuck with no money and a lost tee time. My prior golf course did this. Some places charge the full amount if they are a no show. I'm just asking that we charge like a \$20 fee that way maybe they will not do it again. To put it in perspective we have had 41 so far just in April....41 times 20 would be an additional \$820 in revenue.

Angie Sanders, Board President, do I have a motion to add the \$20 fee to Golf Now no shows?

A motion was made by Jo Underwood, Board Member, seconded by Larry Arnold, Board Secretary, to approve the \$20 fee for no-shows booked online. All were in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Park Director report...

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, stated we recently had the walking path at Garden Park paved. It's a great addition to that park and it's great for the people that walk up there. We've also noticed the additional traffic we are seeing up there of people visiting that park. Also, at Garden Park we started mulching the garden plots to divide the paths between the

plots. It is going very well up there and all the sections are pretty full. The raised beds are very popular and are getting a lot of action. We started working on the pool and getting it ready. We have a start-up date of May 12th. They are doing a lot of painting inside and we are painting the actual pool this year. We do that every other year, and this is the year for that as well.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Recreation Director report.

Isaih Moore, recreation Director, springtime has got a little busy again. We had a Spring Break trip to the zoo. We had a total of 9 people including myself. We are looking to schedule some baseball trips this summer. We are looking at some Indians games and some Reds games for this summer. We had our Easter Egg Hunt a couple weeks ago. We had to cancel the event partly because of storms. So, we passed out eggs at the FOP from 9-11:45 where the Bedford Masonic Lodge puts on their Breakfast with the Bunny. They had food and the bunny was there for pictures, and we passed out over 8000 eggs, it was a great turnout.

We recently had our Arbor Day poster contest going on. We have partners from the Hoosier National Forrest and Lawrence County Soil and Water doing some presentations in the schools. It was open to all 5th graders in Lawrence County and this year's theme was "Trees and Pollinators Make Perfect Partners" this year we had Parkview, St Vincent, Shawswick and Burris all turn in posters. Our St. Vincent winner was Rebecca Wu, our Shawswick winner was Olivia Swing, our Burris winner was Caroline Cessna and our over all winner was Carissa Matlock from Parkview. We will be going to Parkview on Friday to plant a tree at the overall winner's school.

Pickleball started last week for the spring season. We have mixed, women's, and men's again they are on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's again at 6, 7 and 8pm. We had 31 total teams. We also have softball coming up. Registration ended last week and we have 32 total teams. That starts the beginning of May and I'm working on schedules at this time. We have men's church, coed the women's and men's division. Looking forward to another summer with that. Also, we had to cancel our Trash n Treasure last weekend due to weather. We are going to reschedule that to May 16th. It will be at the same time at Thornton Park 9am-1pm. Ten dollars will get you 2 parking spots to sell out of and it's free to attend the event. We had 40 people scheduled for this last weekend, which is the biggest one I have been a part of, and we already have 25 that have confirmed that they will move to May and then about 5-7 others that are moving to September,

Angie Sanders, Board President, do you have a limited amount you can take.

Isaiah Moore, Recreation Director, I think it's about 50, some based on the parking spots we have.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Golf Professional report

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, it's really been busy out there. The weather has been creating a lot of volume especially on the weekends. We do have some events coming up. We have our BNL Invitational golf scramble coming up which should be a big day. Then the BNL Boys' Basketball scramble coming up and they are hoping to raise some money. We also kicked off middle school and high school matches this past week, and we still have a lot to go into the month of May. We are staying busy and that's all I got.

Angie Sander, Board President, we do have Lee who would like to speak to us tonight. Lee, can you come up to the podium.

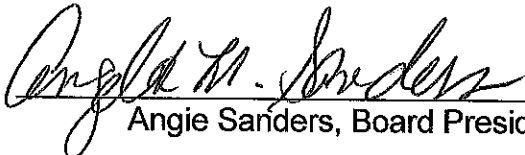
Lee Hutchison, Otis Park Member, I want to give you the history of Otis Park. It's been there since 1937, and the park was a gift from Fred Otis and WPA. The time came when we were going to build a park, the WPA came in and there were 2500 workers from Bedford and the surrounding counties but mostly our area. Since we need so many major repairs, I mean it's been 90 years. That's my goal. I know there is an erosion problem on the road beside 1 fairway and it won't be fixed until you move it to the middle of the fairway. That road has eroded about 20 feet. When I was a kid, we used to hop the fence a run around the caddy shack. We could run down the bluff and hunt balls all along the top and along the bluff and now the whole bluff is in the middle of the creek. The bridges, well you know what you need to do there, just clean them and generally just clean up the place. My thought was we can't do all this with tax money. My thought was to keep our promise to Mr. Otis and have a party for Mr. Otis. He donated this entire fortune for a memorial for his family. It's still a memorial to his family but it needs a rejuvenation. The course itself is fine. Crawford loved the course. It's just the bridges and the creek. The creek is full of rocks and gravel. We need to drain the creek in some places and get some of the gravel where we want it to reinforce the bridges. We can get all the free stone we want from the limestone companies I assume. So, if you want someone to form a committee. We can do something about filing applications with these companies. Eli Lilly, the state governments we are a republican county, and we have been ever since Hector was a pup. But we don't get much from the state. The federal government is the same way, we need a grant. Now the Red Brick for the interior is a direct right. My question for a lawyer, I guess might be does that also include the park? I've talked to people that are willing to make videos and send them to various outfits to see if we can get some funding. So basically, what I passed out to you is just the history of Otis. The park is used by so many people and so many people don't realize, I doubt the schools even realize how valuable that park is to them. The elementary teams and the high school teams that use it then, they turn into professionals and then as senior citizens what else do we have to do besides play golf. The regular guys, the working guys are out and there's a lot of traffic and the parking lot and there's just not enough room out there anymore. Parking lots are eroding too. You know that on the north side it's starting to go down too. So, some things have got to be done. So that's my song and if you are interested in my idea, to form a committee and see what we can do. We will wait to hear back. Bedford has always been famous for its parks. We had IU do a survey for the schools and they couldn't believe the number of parks we had and how many pros we had down here. Our community is growing. When you build 150 new houses in a little town like Bedford something is going

to happen. A gated community between Bedford and Mitchell, something is going to happen. So, I just want to make an application to you to build Otis Park back to the way it started. There's creek banks that need to be mowed and bridges that need to be repaired and restrengthened and reformed. That's about it and I thank you for your time. I talk to the Mayor quite often and he will keep me informed.

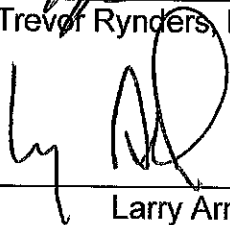
Angie Sanders, Board President, thank you for coming and doing all the leg work for us. I don't think everyone got a packet if you wanted everyone to have one. Ok, thank you.

Lee Hutchison, Otis Park Member, if you go out there now around 3:30- 5:00 its completely full of kids. It's a young person program and you will see parents dragging little kids around and teaching them how to play golf. It's a very active community. It's a very good asset to the community so let's keep our promise to Otis and keep the memorial looking nice. Thank you

Angie Sanders, Board President, do we have any new business? Seeing none we are adjourned.


Angie Sanders, Board President


Trevor Rynders, Board Vice-President


Larry Arnold, Board Secretary


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