

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 18TH, 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 August 18th, 2026, at the Bedford Municipal Hall, 1617 'K' Street, Bedford, Indiana, at the hour of 4:30 P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESENT: Angie Sanders, Trevor Rynders, Larry Arnold

ABSENT: Barb Miller, Jo Underwood

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, old business 2026 Golf Tournament Schedule for October 3rd - North Lawrence Career Center

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) OTIS |
| • 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) BH |
| • June 20 th (Saturday) | Shrine Club | Shotgun (8:00am) <u>OTIS</u> |
| • June 27 th (Saturday) | Neeson Memorial | Shotgun (9am) BH |

- July 10th (Friday) Dazzlers Dance Shotgun (8am)
- July 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th (Sat, Sun) Men's City Tee Times (8:00am)
- July 25th (Saturday) Stenger Memorial Shotgun (8:00am) [BH](#)
- July 26th (Sunday) American Legion Shotgun (8:00am)
- August 1st (Saturday) Curt Gilstrap Memorial Shotgun (8:30am) [BH](#)
- August 7th (Friday) Hawkins-Bailey Shotgun (8:30am)
- August 15th (Saturday) Orleans Booster Shotgun (8:30am) [BH](#)
- August 22nd (Saturday) BNL Girls Invitational Shotgun (8:30am)
- August 29th (Saturday) BNL Girls Basketball Shotgun (8:30am) [BH](#)
- Sept 5th, 6th (Sat, Sun) Claude Akins Shotgun (7am, 1:30p) [ALL](#)
- Sep 12th (Saturday) Heltonville Scramble Shotgun (8:30am) [BH](#)
- Sept. 19th (Saturday) Girls IHSA Sectional Tee Times (8:30am)
- Oct 3rd (Saturday) North Lawrence Career Center Shotgun (10am)
- Oct 10th (Saturday) Bedford Firefighters Open Shotgun (8:30am) [BH](#)

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, The North Lawrence Career Center is wanting to put on an outing on for October 3rd at 10am. It would be a shotgun start for two reasons. One due to the weather in October there could be frost then and also the Marathon will be going on that morning and it would be best to have that start at 10am.

Angie Sanders, Board President, I'm assuming this is a fundraiser for the kids?

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, yes, it's for the kids there at the Career Center.

Angie Sanders. Do I have a motion to approve the Oct 3rd golf outing?

A motion was made by Larry Arnold, Board Secretary, seconded by Trevor Rynders, Board Vice President, to approve the 2026 Golf Tournament Schedule. All were

in favor.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Otis Trust and Sale of Alcohol at Otis Park.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

August 14, 2026

Jimmy Jones
Park Director
City of Bedford, Indiana

VIA EMAIL ONLY:
jjones@bedford.in.gov

Re: Otis Trust and the Sale of
Alcohol at Otis Park

Dear Jimmy:

I have been asked, in my capacity as Attorney for the City of Bedford, Indiana, to provide my opinion concerning the Testamentary Trust of Fred B. Otis and whether the restrictions relating to Otis Park prohibit the sale of alcohol. A copy of Mr. Otis's Last Will and Testament is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

Item II paragraph #1 of the Otis Trust states as follows:

That Pine Hall Mansion, which is situated on said Park, be kept in good repair, leak-proof, reasonable fire-proof and properly heated, as a show place, museum and community hall. In no case shall it be used as a public comfort station, club house, public dining hall or road-house. It is the best example in this county of a rural mansion and its location in a public park renders it especially valuable. Properly maintained, it will add greatly to the charm of Otis Park. Apartments for the Park Superintendent and his family should be arranged in the back part of the building.

(emphasis added)

This restriction applies only to the Pine Hall Mansion (Red Brick). Mr. Otis's intent is clear - Pine Hall Mansion shall not be used as a "public comfort station, club house,

public dining hall or road-house." In my opinion, the term "road-house", as used in the Trust, does prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in Pine Hall Mansion. Mr. Otis's intent was to preserve Pine Hall Mansion as a historic mansion, museum, and community hall, rather than permitting it to be converted into a

commercial establishment of the type commonly understood by the term "road-house". Accordingly, it is my legal opinion that the restriction prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages at Pine Hall Mansion.

However, the above restrictions do not extend to all of Otis Park. Paragraph #1 does not state that alcoholic beverages may not be sold anywhere within Otis Park. Rather, the restrictions specifically govern the use of Pine Hall Mansion. The Otis Trust does not contain a general prohibition against the sale or consumption of alcohol throughout Otis Park.

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Therefore, it is my opinion that the restrictions contained in paragraph #1 of the Otis Trust prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages at Pine Hall Mansion, but do not prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Otis Park Golf Course, Clubhouse or other locations within Otis Park, provided that such sale and service otherwise comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, licenses, and ordinances.

This opinion is limited to the restrictions imposed by the Otis Trust and does not address whether any separate legal, licensing, zoning, or regulatory requirements may affect the sale or service of alcoholic beverages at any particular location within Otis Park.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this opinion.

Very truly yours,

PITTMAN & WOODWARD

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James G. Pittman", written in a cursive style.

James G. Pittman

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Attachment

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Exhibit A

LAST AND TESTAMENT OF FRED B. OTIS

I, Fred B. Otis, of the City of Bedford, in the County of LaGrange, in the State of Indiana, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last and testament.

It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid out of my estate.

ITEM II.

All the rest and residue of my estate, both real, personal, and mixed, of whatever kind or character, and wheresoever situated, of which I may die the owner, or in which I have any interest, I hereby will, devise and bequeath unto the Bedford National Bank, of Bedford, Indiana, to be held by it in trust, on the conditions and for the purposes following:

That said trustee shall collect all income on any and all stocks, bonds and securities, which come into its hands from my estate, or which thereafter come into its hands under the administration of its trust; collect all rental on any real estate, which bears part of said trust, and re-invest any of the principal of said trust fund and the accumulation thereon, from time to time, as said trust, as deemed advisable, cost of repairs and other necessary costs and expenses and, annually, pay the net income said trust estate to the City of

Bedford, in the State of Indiana, for the improvements, up-keep and maintenance of Otis Park, as herein limited and defined.

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planting of native hardwood trees, such as yellow poplar, white and burr oak and hard maple.

7. Landscaping shall proceed, after road and building construction has been completed, by the planting of hardy flowering shrubs and hardy perennials,

8. Not less than five (5) Sunday afternoon concerts shall be given in band shell each summer, by a band organization competent to render good standard amateur and high class popular music, to be paid for at a fair price. Good music can always be had by for that kind of effort, my hope and desire that said band shell, shelter house, barge hall diamond and stone bridge may be completed during my lifetime, but should my death occur before such improvements have been completed,

It is requested that the trustee see that such improvements are completed,

following my death, by said City, before payment said City of any part of the income from said trust estate.

As a condition to the City of Bedford receiving from said trust the sum of \$10,000 to time, the income from this trust fund, said

Otis Park shall however, at any time, be limited by the collection and disbursements of money derived from taxation for park purposes, to any extent whatsoever below or than the fund which be raised from

taxation for the use and benefit of any other now **existing** or hereinafter acquired park or parks of said city. Failure on the part of the administration of the

City of Bedford to levy, collect and expend for the **maintenance of Otis**

Park at least the equivalent of any sum or sums, which may be levied, collected and expended for maintenance of other parks belonging to said city, shall result my trustee, hereunder, withholding the payment to said City of any further sum or sums out of the income from the trust estate, unless and until such **deficiency** shall be up and corrected by the Administration,

I further hereby authorize and empower my said trustee to sell and convey, as soon after my death as in judgment such shall be advisable **and** for all of real estate or personal property, which may come into the hands of my trustee and use the proceeds therefrom a part of the trust fund created hereunder, to be administered and expended as the other funds which come into its hands are herein directed to be administered and expended Any sales of my said real estate or personal property shall be made by my said trustee, either with or without, approval, with or without notice, either for cash or for part cash and on such terms as the trustee may deem best, and I hereby authorize and empower said trustee to execute any and all necessary deeds, agreements or other **instruments** of conveyance for the purpose of properly transferring any of such real estate or personal property

to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, as Bald ^{trustee may} deem best;
all without any court proceedings in connection therewith.

It desire I hereby direct ^{that my} said trustee shall
keep the funds said trust estate, at all ^{times,} invested in Uni
States Government securities, for the best income obtainable in
order that Otis Park Development have the benefit of such income
My property vested, bequeathed and devised to Bald trustee herewith
is intended to be in perpetuity for the and benefit of the
City of Bedford, in the operation, ~~maintenance~~ and support of Bald
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Park, to the end that the citizens of said City receive the highest pleasure,
recreation and benefit therefrom, and it is hoped and desired that, the
principal be all things considered, as far as reasonably practicable to
do, in order that the income be available for such purposes, in perpetuity,
In the event that said City of Bedford shall fail to neglect, or refuse to carry
the stipulations and requests herein made to be done and performed
by me, in the opinion of said trustee, and shall continue to go forward, I,
neglect or refuse to carry out its part of. Such stipulations and agreements,
for a period of one year after receipt of thereof by said trustee, said
trust, fund or such regulation thereof, as follows

shall revert to ^{my estate,} and shall be by paid
to and distributed among those then surviving, who would
constitute my lawful heirs under the laws of the State of
Indiana.

ITEM 11.

I hereby nominate and appoint The Bedford National Bank, of
Bedford,

Indiana, executor of this will, and I hereby declare this instrument
to be last in date and testament,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto hand and to this, my hand,
contained sheet of paper, upon the of each of which I have also

written name, for the purpose of identification, at the City of.
Bedford, in the State of Indiana, 13th day of May, 1937.

(Signed) Fred B. Otis _____

The above written instrument, containing of the foregoing and
Barely by Fred B. Otis, In our presence this 13th day of May 1937, at the
City of Bedford, in the State of Indiana, and he stated, acknowledged and
declared to us then and there each a competent, free and legal Last Will and
Testament, and at his request, and in the presence and the presence of each
other, signed our names to this instrument as attesting witnesses

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Jimmy Jones, Park Director, this is an opinion letter from Greg Pittman, the City Attorney.
It's just stating what his opinion is toward us selling alcohol at Otis Golf course. If we
decide to sell alcohol, we will move forward with this at a later date. But Greg did give his
opinion on whether the selling of alcohol would break the Trust, and he has stated he does
not think it would break the trust.

Angie Sanders, Board President, ok thank you for that information. Next, 2026 Community
and Urban Forestry Assistance Grant.

Isaiah Moore, Recreation Director, we are looking for permission to apply for that grant
through the DNR. We were approached for that program from IU and it is called the Urban
Green Infrastructure Cohort. We would potentially be taking on an intern for next summer
and they would work 400 hrs. They would conduct a full tree canopy for our town and tell
us where we should plant more trees and where we have too many trees. They will then
put on community events and get people to volunteer and get them excited to in the fall of
next year, plant 100 trees. This is all funded through the USDA and the program at IU. We
have a host fee of \$3900 and so that is why we are looking into the grant. It is a 1 to 1
match, and the White River Forestry has offered to match us on that and pay the other half.
We would eventually be reimbursed for that because it is a reimbursement grant, so we
will pay the original \$3900 but we will be reimbursed by the two parties for that. I guess we

are just looking for permission to use the \$3900. If we don't get the grant, then we will not go forward with the program.

Angie Sanders, Board President, do I have a motion to accept the 2026 Urban Forestry Assistance Grant?

A motion was made by Trevor Rynders, Board Vice President, seconded by Larry Arnold, Board Secretary, to approve the 2026 Urban Forestry Assistance Grant application. All were in favor.

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

Jimmy Jones, Park Director, the guys have been working on the Fred Tarr trail at Murray Park. The trails were getting overgrown so we took a machine back there to clear some of brush and trees down so people can comfortably walk back there. Then at the entrance of the trail, we were having issues with wash outs. So, they put a new culvert there and some gravel so hopefully that will hold up. Then at the golf course I would like to thank the Bedford Recreation Foundation for their efforts in helping us with the cart paths at the golf course. There was a spot on #2 and #8 and on the back we had #11, #12, #15, #16 and #18 and the erosion on 18 was getting really bad. So, it has helped a lot. Just want to thank them for that and this week I'm in the process of purchasing a wind screen for the pickleball complex on the west side of that which they are also paying for. So, thank you to them for that.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Golf Professional Report...

Austin Judy, Golf Professional, so we had a busy July. We hosted the Stenger Memorial and we had 29 teams for that then we also had the Curt Gilstrap as well. I think we had 27 or 28 teams for that, and we had the Hawkins Bailey last Friday and we had 24 teams for that. Then we started a lot of the high school and middle school matches last week. A lot is coming up too this Friday we have the Bristol ball fitting this Friday the 21st from 11-4. People can come out and try their ball and get a free gift just for trying it out. Then we have the BNL Invite this Saturday, shotgun at 9am, the BNL Girls' Basketball Outing is the 29th of this month, then we have the Claude Akins coming up on September 5th & 6th. That will be a really big one and then we will have the Heltonville Open on the 12th. Then the Girls High School Sectional on the 19th. So, we obviously have a lot going on and in the next 4-5 weeks we are going to be very busy.

Angie Sanders, Board President, Recreation Director Report.

Isaiah Moore, Recreation Director, so for the pool we have moved to different hours, and we will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays and then our final day will be Monday September 7th. We had our Rock-a-Hula Luau a couple of weeks ago and we sold just over 150 tickets. It was a pretty good turnout and the weather held out for us that day. For fall sports leagues, we have pickleball which the deadline is tomorrow for registration, and

it is \$50 for an 8-week game schedule. Then fall softball started last night. We had about a two-week break the started right back into it. Our Fall Trash-N-Treasure sale is going to be on Saturday Sept 12th at Thornton Park. It is \$10 for two parking spaces to set up in, and we already have 30 sellers for that. So, it should be a pretty big event. Then September 19th we are having our annual Car Show hosted by the Parks Department and WQRK. It will be from 10am-2pm, it will be \$20 for a car entry but free for the public to come. We are going to have Brown Bag BBQ, Pili's Party Taco and Boady's Lemon Shake-ups all there to sponsor that. And this year all of proceeds are going to our Fall Fun Day on Oct 15th. Other than that we are having prizes, giveaways, raffles and stuff like that to keep the day fun and exciting for everyone. Then the last thing is the Marathon registration is open, and it will be on Saturday Oct 3rd. It happens quickly and pops up quickly every year.

Angie Sanders, Board President, all right, thank you. Any new business? Seeing none we are adjourned.

Angie Sanders, Board President

Trevor Rynders, Board Vice-President

Larry Arnold, Board Secretary