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## Agenda

*For the*

Fort Wayne Board of Park Commissioners **Annual Election of Officers and Organizational Meeting. Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 10:00 am.**

The meeting is being held in the Citizens Square Building, City of Fort Wayne/Allen County Council Discussion Room, (Garden level) Suite 30, 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) 1. Call to Order – Director McDaniel

2. Board of Park Commissioners Elections

**A. Election of the office of President**

**B. Election of the office of Vice-President**

**C. Election of the office of Board Secretary**

3. Election Process Closed

4. Board Park Commissioners Committee Assignments

5. Approval of minutes from the ***Thursday, February 8, 2024***; Board of Park Commissioners Organization Meeting.

6. Conclusion of the Organization Meeting – Adjournment

The **Monthly Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners** will open, after the Annual Election of Officers and Organizational Meeting.

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## SUMMARIZATION OF THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The **Board of Park Commissioners** held its **Organizational Board Meeting** on **Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 am.** The meeting was held in the City Council Discussion Room 30, in the (garden level) Citizens Square Building, 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Justin Shurley, Mr. Cory Miller, Mr. Richard Briley, and Mrs. Jenna Jauch.

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Steve McDaniel, Chuck Reddinger, Sandra Odisho, Steve Schuhmacher, Alec Johnson, Harlean Falls, Kathy Pargmann, Derek Veit, Rick Kinney, Brian Fiedler, David Weadock, Erick Ummel, Jill Bowyer, Chad W. Shaw, Travis Roth, April McCampbell, and Robert Hines.

***Others in attendance were:*** Geoff Paddock and Pat Stelte of the Allen County Public Library.

**NOTE:** A Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor of Fort Wayne to a term of four (4) years as a Board of Park Commissioner. Re-appointments are also by the Mayor. Each year, the Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department holds an election of officers.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Steve McDaniel, Director of the Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department, called the 2024 Organizational Meeting to order, at 10:00 am. Director McDaniel explained the purpose and preliminary procedures for the meeting.

### 2. **ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:**

A. **Election of the office of President:** Director McDaniel asked for nominations for the office of President. Commissioner Cory Miller nominated Justin Shurley, for the office of Board of Park Commissioners President. Director McDaniel called for any further nominations. There



being none, Commissioner Richard Briley moved to close the nominations for the office of President and Commissioner Jenna Jauch seconded the motion. The motion was duly carried. Director McDaniel congratulated President Shurley and turned the direction of the meeting over to Justin Shurley, President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

**B. Election of the Office of Vice-President:** President Justin Shurley called for nominations for the Office of Vice President. Commissioner Briley said, "I'd nominate Cory Miller." Commissioner Jauch seconded the motion. There being no further nominations for the office of Vice President, Commissioner Jauch moved to close, and Commissioner Briley, second. The nominations were closed, and the motion was duly carried. Mr. Cory Miller was nominated for the office of Vice President.

**C. Election of the office of Board Secretary** President Shurley called for nominations for the office of Secretary for the Board of Park Commissioners. Commissioner Jauch nominated Steve McDaniel for the office of Secretary, and Vice President Miller seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the office of Secretary was closed by a motion from Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Jauch. The motion was duly carried. Director Steve McDaniel was nominated for the office of Board Secretary.

### **3. BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

(Internal)

**RIVERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC):** Rick Briley and Cory Miller

**GOLF COMMITTEE:** Justin Shurley and Cory Miller

**FOELLINGER THEATRE COMMITTEE:** Rick Briley and Jenna Jauch

**PROJECTS TEAM: Justin Shurley and Jenna Jauch**

**RECREATION TEAM: Cory Miller and Rick Briley**

**(External)**

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION**

**Rick Briley**

**ARTS UNITED**

**Cory Miller**

**ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Jenna Jauch**

**FORT WAYNE PARK FOUNDATION Justin Shurley**

Board President Shurley, “stated this way we have representation throughout the community, and I thank the Commissioners, for all that they do outside of Parks and Recreation.”

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** President Shurley asked for approval of the minutes from the last Organizational Meeting. Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Jauch seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Organization Meeting dated **February 9, 2023**. The motion was duly carried. The signed minutes are on file.

**6. CONCLUSION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING -**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the Board of Park Commissioners, on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**, in the City Council Discussion Chambers of Citizens Square (garden level) Room 30, 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. At **10:05 am**, the organizational meeting was adjourned.

**CITY OF FORT WAYNE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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**Justin Shurley, President**

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**Cory Miller, Vice-President**

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**Richard Briley, Commissioner**

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**Jenna Jauch, Commissioner**

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**Steve McDaniel, Director/Board Secretary**

All documentation, correspondence, and prints/site plans presented at this meeting are on file in the office of the Parks and Recreation Department. This meeting was recorded by the Park staff and videotaped by Pat Stelte, Government Access Coordinator, in Television Services of the Allen County Public Library.

**Here is the link to the Thursday, February 8, 2024  
meeting online:**

**<https://acpl.viebit.com/player.php?hash=vQSLyTMfza9KWZHy>**





February 13, 2025

To: Board Members: **Shurley / Miller / Briley/ Jauch**

From: Steve McDaniel

Reference: **Board Assignments / Responsibilities**

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION** –Public Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Monday of each month** (unless a holiday occurs) – evening meeting at 5:30 p.m., in Citizens Square. The Site Committee in the Plan Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor every Thursday, at 8:00 am – following the Monday night Public Meetings. The Business Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday starting at 5:30 pm. Evening meetings are held at Citizen Square, in rooms 30 or 35. (**Rick Briley**)

**ARTS UNITED** – Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday of each month** – beginning at **noon**. Meetings are held at 303 East Main Street, five meetings per fiscal year. (**Cory Miller**)

**ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** – Meetings are held on the **last Monday of every other month** – starting in February. Meetings are held at noon in the Board Room at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. (**Jenna Jauch**)

**FORT WAYNE PARK FOUNDATION** – Meetings are held on the **March 24<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Meetings are held in various Park & Recreation facilities and include lunch - starting at 11:45 a.m. (**Justin Shurley**)

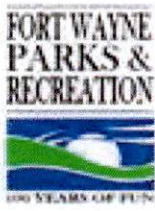
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**RECREATION TEAM:** **Cory Miller / Rick Briley**)



## Fort Wayne Board of Park Commissioners

### 2025 Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at Citizens Square, (Garden Level), 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 – at 10:00 am, unless otherwise indicated. **All meetings are wholly dependent upon securing a quorum.** NOTE: Due to the scheduling of **IPRA** and **NRPA**, the dates and locations are subject to change.

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
<del>January 9, 2025</del>	<del>(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)</del>	<del>10:00 am</del>
February 13, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00am
March 13, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
April 10, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
May 8, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
June 12, 2025	(City Council Discussion Room 30)	10:00 am
July 10, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
August 14, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
September 11, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
October 9, 2025	(City Council Discussion Room 30)	10:00 am
November 13, 2025	(City Council Discussion Rm. 30)	10:00 am
December 11, 2025	(City Council Discussion Room 30)	10:00 am

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1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Schlatter	Schlatter	Ruffolo	Ruffolo	Ruffolo	Ruffolo	Poignard	Poignard	Poignard	Poignard	Holmes	Holmes
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Goldstein	Goldstein	Goldstein	Goldstein	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly
Callen	Callen	Callen	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek

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Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley	Shurley					
Zielke	Zielke	Zielke	Zielke	Zielke	Jauch	Jauch	Jauch	Jauch						
Kelly	Kelly	Kelly	Kelly (Term completed by Richard Briley)	Briley	Briley	Briley	Briley							
Samek	Samek	Samek	Samek (Term completed by Corey Miller)	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller				