

**Town of Thorntown**  
**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 3, 2025**

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Lindsey DeMass, Board President, at 3:32 PM. The meeting was held at the Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN.

The following were in attendance:

Lindsey DeMass, Parks and Recreation Board President, appointed to term until Dec 31, 2029  
Haley Husk, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary, appointed to term until Dec 31, 2028  
Alex Visser, Parks and Recreation Board, appointed to term until Dec 31, 2029  
Veronica St. Cyr, Town Gardener and Director of the Parks and Recreation Kids' Program

**Business:**

- JW Plumbing did not have the correct supplies to close the bathrooms on the previously planned date of November 3rd. They will contact Lindsey DeMass to set up a new time.
- Alex Visser asked if the Parks and Recreation Board needs to renew a contract with the Thorntown Little League every year. Lindsey answered that we do need to sign a new contract every year.
- Town Council approved the Parks and Recreation Board's request to remove trash from the Tom Johnson Park garage. Lindsey Demass will contact Smith Trash Services to arrange for the removal.
- One of the bucket swings at the Tom Johnson Park was broken. Plans to repair the swing will be left until spring.
- Veronica St. Cyr, an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department, updated the Board on her roles as both the town gardener and director of the kids' program:
  - Veronica reports that she enjoyed the kids' program, thought the program ran relatively smoothly, and would like to direct the program again next year. These are her suggestions for improvements:

- Not many people knew about the program- increased recruitment and advertising could improve turnout next year.
- A survey could be sent out to Thorntown residents to gauge potential interest in the program.
- The time of the program could be changed to earlier or later in the day so that the children wouldn't be as hot.
- Increased flexibility in scheduling, for example, running the program for 2 hours once per week rather than 1 hour twice per week.
- Veronica also gave report on her time as town gardener:
  - She would like the Parks and Recreation Board to purchase a new poll saw, gloves with rubber coating, and a kneeling pad.
  - She plans to plant more plants in the park gardens next year, including transplants from Karen Grey's garden.
- BCIS will identify and Lindsey DeMass will inform private property owners adjacent to the trail if they have invasive Tree of Heaven growing on their property.
- Potential projects for 2026 were discussed:
  - A revamp of the South Trail to include:
    - Removing Crab Apple trees and replanting with native alternatives
    - Adding gravel to parking spaces
    - Adding a wooden fence along the trail to denote parking area
    - Putting up signage
  - Repainting the little league baseball and Lions Park parking spaces
  - Compiling a detailed map of all park property and property lines
  - Possible improvements to the Tom Johnson park:
    - Paving alley along baseball diamonds
    - Completing a town survey to research improvements desired by the community
    - Contacting Kokomo Park Company to research the grants, budget, and park designs appropriate for Thorntown Parks and Recreation
- Possible projects for the 2026 Lilly Day of Service might be:

- Dumping and spreading gravel at the South Trail parking lot
- Planting trees along the South Trail
- Removing invasive honeysuckle along the South Trail
- Removing the old volleyball and black ball-pit sign posts
- Installing playground equipment at the Tom Johnson park
- Future events planned by the Parks and Recreation Board were discussed:
  - The 4th of July party at the Lion's Park:
    - Alex Visser would like to plan a musical jamboree, potentially from 1pm-3pm
    - The legality of having a pot luck and food at the party needs to be investigated
    - Potentially hiring a fireworks vendor
  - The Rollin' and Strollin' North Trail meet up is planned for the last Friday of the month at 9:45 AM, from April to October.

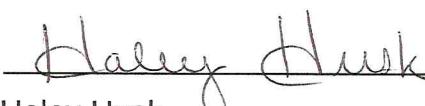
#### **Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Lindsey DeMass called the meeting to adjournment at 4:00 PM.



Lindsey DeMass

Parks and Recreation Board President



Haley Husk

Parks and Recreation Board Secretary



Alex Visser

Parks and Recreation Board Member