



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 5:00 PM**
(To listen to the full audio/video of the meeting,
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Members Present: *Chairperson Cheryl Kessel; Vice Chair Ben Kramer; Commissioners - Becky Keck, Robyn Aasmundstad, John Jones, and Youth Advisor, Jalexa Villegas.*

Other Municipal Officials Present: *Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director; Chell Smart, Manager of Parks and Communications.*

Audience: *Two members of the public were present in the audience or on zoom.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairperson Kessel called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.*
2. **ROLL CALL** – All members present.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – *Windy Jackson, a Clarkdale resident, commented on concerns related to the Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. park, and her easement, in the Lower Clarkdale neighborhood.*
4. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS** – No Commissioner Reports were given.
5. **UPDATES**
 - A. **Concerts in the Park**
Updates were provided.
 - B. **Fourth of July**
Updates were provided.
6. **MINUTES**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes**
Discuss, consider, and approve the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on Feb. 12, 2024.

Action: Approval of minutes from the regular meeting held on Feb. 12, 2025.

Motion: *Vice Chair Kramer*

Second: *Commissioner Keck*

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Vice Chairperson Ben Kramer	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY - NO ACTION TAKEN

A. Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Project Status

Discussion only regarding the Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park project status took place.

B. Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Capital Campaign

Discussion only on the Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Capital Campaign took place.

C. Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Grand Opening

Discussion only regarding the Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Grand Opening event took place.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2025 Halloween Event

Discussion took place regarding the 2025 Halloween Event plan, and Commissioners made suggestions regarding ways to improve the event.

Action: *Move to continue the Halloween event with best practices applied, including having a group category at the beginning and an enthusiastic announcer for the event, and hand out awards quickly at the end instead of calling the awardees at the end.*

Motion: *Vice Chair Kramer*

Second: *Commissioner Aasmundstad*

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Vice Chairperson Ben Kramer	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye

B. Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Workout Station

Discussion took place regarding the proposed S.T.E.A.M. Park Anatomy and Physiology workout station and location.

Action: *Move to approve the location and installation of the Selna Mongini STEAM Park Workout Station.*

Motion: *Vice Chair Kramer*

Second: *Commissioner Keck*

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Vice Chairperson Ben Kramer	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Commission did not propose items to be placed on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 6:31 p.m.



Chairperson, Cheryl Kessel

SUBMITTED BY:


Manager of Parks and Communications/ Town PIO, Chell Smart

