



AGENDA
Spencer Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
10:30 a.m.

DATE
May 6, 2026

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Regular meetings focus on action items, departmental reports, and other business. This meeting is open to the public and is held in the Hilda B. Palmer Board Room at Town Hall, located at 460 South Salisbury Avenue. Please find meeting agendas, minutes, and other information at spencernc.gov/town-government-and-services/appointed-boards-and-commissions/parks-recreation-advisory-board.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Bob Pendergrass**
- 2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**
- 4. PRESENTATION – CORE Trip to Elkin; Chair Bob Pendergrass and Special Projects Planner Joe Morris**
- 5. UPDATES ON PROJECTS – Special Projects Planner Joe Morris**
- 6. PARK INSPECTIONS**
 - a. Yadkin River Trailhead Park**
 - b. Library Park**
 - c. 8th Street Ballpark**
- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 3, 2026**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES
Spencer Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2026

The Town of Spencer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session in the Hilda B. Palmer Board Room at the Spencer Town Hall on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Present were: Chair Bob Pendergrass
Secretary Vivian Koontz
Member Jim Gobbel
Member Jack Moore
Member Phip Sparger

Also present were: Town Clerk Anna Kanode Ward, and Special Projects Planner Joe Morris.

Vice Chair Dionne Dixon was absent.

Chair Pendergrass called the meeting to order.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Gobbel wished to add discussion surrounding the recent idea explored by the Board of Aldermen during the Annual Planning Session to permanently close a portion of 17th Street by Chicken Springs Dam as item number 8.

Action

Member Sparger moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Gobbel seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4 – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Action

Member Gobbel moved to approve the March 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Member Sparger seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4 – 0.

UPDATE – Board of Aldermen Planning Session; Special Projects Planner Joe Morris

Special Projects Planner Morris gave a presentation regarding the Board of Aldermen Annual Planning Session held on March 6, 2026, and answered questions from the Board.

Secretary Koontz entered the board room at 10:37 a.m.

DISCUSSION – Park Inspection Schedule; Chair Bob Pendergrass and Special Projects Planner Joe Morris

Chair Pendergrass and Special Projects Planner Morris led the discussion regarding creating a park inspection schedule and answered questions from the Board.

It was the consensus of the board to inspect Town Park, 8th Street Ballpark, Library Park, and Yadkin River Trailhead Park in May; Stanback Forest, Jefferson Street Park, and 2nd Street Park in June.

PRESENTATION – CORE Trip to Elkin; Special Projects Planner Joe Morris

Special Projects Planner Morris gave a presentation regarding site visits in Wilkes County and Surry County, North Carolina, hosted by the North Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) and U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and answered questions from the Board.

The focus will be on outdoor recreation economy, small-business development, trails as economic drivers, and conservation partnerships, which aligns with Spencer’s Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Program. This allows the NC DOC to reimburse travel expenses for those who participate from the Town of Spencer.

UPDATES ON PROJECTS – Special Projects Planner Joe Morris

Special Projects Planner Morris gave a presentation regarding updates on the various ongoing projects and answered questions from the Board. Topics discussed included: Stanback Forest Center initial phase architecture contract and timeline; Great Trail State Grant contract; Salisbury-Rowan Community Foundation Grant for the proposed archway in the Spencer Town Park; and Robertson Foundation Grant for the children’s play area in the Spencer Town Park.

DISCUSSION – 17th Street Closure by Chicken Springs Dam; Member Jim Gobbel

Member Gobbel addressed the rest of the board regarding the discussion surrounding the potential closure of a section of 17th Street in front of Chicken Springs Dam during the recent Board of Aldermen Annual Planning Session.

Town Clerk K. Ward and Special Projects Planner Morris answered questions from the board members and clarified that no proposal is under consideration at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 6, 2026

Town Clerk K. Ward reminded the board that the next PRAB meeting date is May 6, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Gobbel seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5 – 0. The meeting stood adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Bob Pendergrass, Chair

Anna Kanode Ward, Town Clerk