

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commission of the City of Jamestown, New York, was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:00 at 115 Fairmount Ave., Jamestown, New York.

Those present representing the Commission were:

Commissioner Christine Prinzi
Commissioner Cindy DiNapoli

Commissioner Hugh Golden
Commissioner Russ Bonfiglio

Absent:

Commissioner Russ Diethrick
Commissioner Patrick Smeraldo
Commissioner Dave Anderson
Commissioner Chris Maggio

Commissioner Andrew Faulkner
Commissioner Jennifer John
Commissioner Shuaib Bhamji

Others Present:

Dan Stone, Park Manager/City Arborist
Councilman Doug Scotchmer
Kelley Johnson, Parks Department

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner DiNapoli. The minutes from March 3, April 7, and May 5, 2026 were not approved as there was not a quorum at the meeting. Those minutes will be approved at the next meeting scheduled in October.

Roll call was taken by Kelley Johnson.

Opportunity for Persons to Address Commission: None.

General Updates / Events from Parks Manager/Arborist, Dan Stone – Dan reported that the Memorial Day events held at Vets Park as well as the Parade and ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery, all went well. The weather (wind and rain) did play a roll Saturday, but generally the weather improved on Monday. Councilman Scotchmer commended Dan on holding things together on Saturday with the weather-related issues.

Dan said the department is moving along with continued mowing and the lack of recent rain has helped. It was just 2 weeks ago that crews were hand-mowing at Bergman Park due to the exceptionally saturated property. The department currently has 3 high school students for the summer with 2 more joining shortly. The young gentleman from the BOCES internship (unpaid) program is here through Friday, June 5th. This is the 2nd year the department has participated in this program with BOCES and it works well for all involved.

Splash pads are open. Allen Park is open and Jackson Taylor is currently being run manually (on at 10 am and off when park is locked up). A broken solenoid is the cause and will be repaired/replaced.

Upcoming projects include replacing the boat dock at McCrea Point which is scheduled to begin on Monday of next week. BECC will begin work on June 4th to install the lights at the Goranson Bandshell. There will be work done at Vets Park that includes lights and a new flagpole.

The Soap Box Derby is happening on June 5th – 7th at the Stadium. This is the 46th year! The Tarp Skunks season has begun and this evening, it is "\$2 Night". City Park fields are continuing to be utilized with baseball and softball games, including both youth and adult teams. Several area high

schools are utilizing Diethrick Park on a regular basis for games.

We have received the concert schedule for the Goranson Bandshell. The first concert will be JHS on June 10th at 7 pm and followed by the Municipal Band beginning on June 24th through August 5th, with August 12th being saved as a rain date.

A Day in the Park is to be held at Bergman Park on June 20th (BR Girls Softball)

Juneteenth will start on June 19th at the Winter Garden Plaza on N. Main Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, followed by events at Jackson Taylor Park on Saturday and Sunday, concluding with breakfast and church service.

The World Series of Wheels Car Show fundraiser for the Babe Ruth World Series will be held at Bergman Park on July 25th at Bergman Park. The 13-year-old Babe Ruth World Series will be held August 15-22 at Diethrick Park.

All the Artscape banners are up. 3rd on Third Thursdays has started and runs through September 17th. The Farmer's Market will begin June 6th with a new location on 3rd St., between Main and Spring Streets.

Upcoming projects to complete are the planting of 5 trees on the Riverwalk. Dan mentioned a representative from the Railroad attended a recent meeting. This was the first time they had a rep come in a very long time.

The Fenton Building roof problems continue and both Joni Blackman and grant writer, Paula Pichon, are going after grants for architectural work to be done. Orkin was in for an inspection for carpenter ants. There will be another meeting on June 4th regarding this issue. Kelley will send to commission members an announcement for the Fenton's "Scoops and Liberty" celebration on July 3rd. This event is to celebrate America's 250th birthday as well as Governor Fenton's 207th birthday.

In hopes of removing the graffiti at the Skate Park, we will be trying a new product recommended by Pete Schiera. Hoping to have completed prior to Skate Day.

Commissioner Prinzi inquired on the status of the downtown flowers. Dan said so far, we've avoided incidents of theft.

The Allen Park Women's Club will be having their annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser at the Allen Park Ice Rink on August 13th. Tickets are on sale in advance and are \$18. It is done as a drive through where you give your ticket and take home a full chicken dinner.

With no further business, Commissioner DiNapoli asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Commissioner Bonfiglio and seconded by Commissioner Golden.

The next meeting scheduled will be held **Tuesday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m.**