



# Board of Aldermen Request for Action

**MEETING DATE:** 7/7/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution 1594 – Renaming Diamond Crest Park

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## **REQUESTED BOARD ACTION**

A motion to approve Resolution 1594, renaming Diamond Crest Park to OK Railroad Park and Trail.

## **SUMMARY**

The park currently known as Diamond Crest Park was originally named for its proximity to the Diamond Crest neighborhood. Since then, the park has evolved beyond a single-neighborhood facility and is now physically connected to three surrounding neighborhoods, Diamond Crest, Clay Creek, and Lake Meadows, functioning as a true community park rather than a neighborhood park.

With the recent completion of the new parking lot, the connection to the OK Railroad Trail, and existing amenities such as the playground and splash pad, access to and use of the park are expected to continue growing. In light of these improvements, staff recommended initiating a formal naming process at the January Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Staff opened the naming process to the community through City social media and the City newsletter, inviting residents to submit name suggestions over a defined period. A total of 27 submissions were received.

The Parks and Recreation Committee was asked to discuss the top recommendations and make a motion to select an official park name. The Committee made a motion to recommend the OK Railroad Park and Trail, as this recognizes the historic railroad that once ran through the area and aligns well with the new trail name.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

NA

## **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

N/A

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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## **RESOLUTION 1594**

### **A RESOLUTION RENAMING DIAMOND CREST PARK TO OK RAILROAD PARK AND TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, Smithville Parks and Recreation has identified the need to rename Diamond Crest Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the park has evolved beyond a single-neighborhood facility and is now physically connected to three surrounding neighborhoods, functioning as a true community park rather than a neighborhood park; and,

**WHEREAS**, staff opened the naming process to the community through City social media and the City newsletter, inviting residents to submit name suggestions over a defined period; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed the top recommendations and then voted to recommend renaming the park to OK Railroad Park and Trail.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT** Diamond Crest Park is hereby renamed to OK Railroad Park and Trail.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Aldermen and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Smithville, Missouri, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

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Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Drummond, City Clerk