



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2024

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe

The meeting started at 4:33 pm. We read over the meeting minutes from August. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances from July. Matt motioned to approve the finances; Jill seconded; all were in favor.

Splash Pad

The splash pad is on hold for right now.

5th Street Park

The sprinklers have not been working correctly and 1 at the soccer field had to be replaced as well as one at the ball field. Tom, Todd, and Ben have been working on the issue.

We talked about the master plan for 5th Street. Jill, Brett, and Matt met and simplified the plan. Nick Mohr looked at the fencing and Luke Wehr looked at the roof structure for the dugouts. The small field needs structure repairs on the dugouts. We really should make dugouts 6 inches bigger on each end. Jill spoke with someone she thinks from the Owensboro area about helping with the baseball fields. They thought they could get to them this year yet. She was going to contact him again.

We are going to hold off on fundraising until we get some pricing for items.

There are a few things on the playground that need to be repaired. Tom will take pieces down there and work on that.

There has been some vandalism at the park. Kids have been crawling on the roof and tearing off shingles. They are using the trash cans as urinals. Everything is now locked up except the shelter house restrooms and the soccer field restrooms.

Jill asked if more parking could be put up by the football field. We said that we were not opposed to this but would look into it more.

2025 Tourney dates: Trisha asked for 5 weekends but 1 weekend is a girl's tourney so that weekend is out. Mike will reach out to Jeff about their dates.

18th Street Park

Nora Welp is finished with her project. Her paperwork has not been submitted.
Tom and his crew have been watering the trees. They put more mulch down to hold water.

Old Town Lake

Jill trying to get an invasive species clean-up day for Nov. 9 or Nov. 23.

Other News

The Ferdinand Tourism group has been meeting. Debbie Johnson talked to Tom about a building they would like to build to house their Christkindlmarkt items. They want to build it on town property and the town would eventually own it. Ideally, they want a 36x24 building and would like a location within the parks.

There is a Main Street Ready meeting on September 19 in the Mobil Room.

The IPRA Expo is Nov 5-7. It looks like Nov 6 would be the best day for a park board member to attend.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next meeting will be on October 9, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 20 September 2024
Natalie Howard

