



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2024

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer

Jill Schipp

Mike Steffe

Natalie Howard

Tom Lueken

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Financial report was reviewed. Jill motioned to approve the finances; Mike seconded. All were in favor of approving the finances.

### Splash Pad

The splash pad is on hold for now. The board is awaiting direction from the town council.

### 5th Street Park - Master Plan

The concession area was discussed and was tabled until the February meeting. A cost estimate needs to be performed to better budget the project.

### 5th Street Park

Over the past month, Freeman Athletic Fields Company performed the contracted work on the Weyer Field at 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Unfortunately, significant damage was on outfield, fencing, and the in field had significant anomalies that were not to the satisfaction of Tom, the board, and Jeff Durlauf. Jill, Attorney Bohnenkemper, Tom Lueken met with Freeman to better understand his position. He promised to rectify the situation. However, the board did not feel comfortable with his promises of making it right.

Due to the timing of the damage, the board discussed how to best repair the field in a timely manner in order that the field is ready for the spring. The board approved the purchase of 100 bags of field conditioner to be worked into the field. Additionally, the board approved an expense not to exceed \$1000 to American Dreamscapes to repair the outfield ruts. Todd Andry promised to work it into his schedule in a timely matter.

Matt signed the proposal for the dugouts with Seufert's. They will begin work in December. Tom will

assist in the demolition.

The playground equipment was ordered by Jill; however, she has not received an update as of the meeting.

### **18th Street Park**

There has been significant vandalism occurring in the restrooms at 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park this month resulting in damage and potential safety hazards. Tom provided updated photos and damage descriptions. The board expressed the desire to keep the restrooms open if possible. The board discussed adding some signage that floor maybe slippery or wet.

The basketball goals were ordered and are in. Tom will wait until the spring to de-install the old ones and install the new goals. Once the new goals are installed, the board will sell the old goals.

### **Other News**

Matt informed the board that the four term for Natalie Howard is up for renewal at the end of 2024. Natalie informed the board that she did not wish to have her term renewed and would abdicate her board position at the end of the year. The board thanked Natalie for her 10 years of service on the board and are grateful for her service. Matt will inform the town council of this and the other board members will begin considering a new member for recommendation to the town council.

Jill had not received an update on the tree order.

The board will hold their annual major lease meeting at the February Park Board meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup>. Mike will invite all major lessees and request that they be present

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Natalie seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm. The next meeting will be on December 11, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 7 January 2025  
Matthew Weyer

