



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2025

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer

Jill Schipp

Mike Steffe

Tom Lueken

Clark Welp

The meeting started at 4:40 p.m. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Finances were presented and discussed. Matt made a motion to approve the finances and Jill seconded.

Due to the opening of one board member assignment, board elections were tabled until February.

### 2025 Project Discussion

The board members discussed possible 2025 projects. Several ideas surfaced—worthy of further discussion.

- Preliminary Idea: Part of the Fifth Street Master Plan includes razing the existing Ruhe Field two-story storage/old concession/scorekeeping building that was built more than 50 years ago. This building would be demolished, opening up the area behind home plate. In addition, the 'new' restroom/concession building would undergo improvements to recoup some storage and electrical areas that would be necessary do to the removal of the building. The existing building is not in good shape and needs to either be renovated or removed in the opinion of the board. Some of the cost of improvements could utilize the Mobel Foundation Grant money received and earmarked for the youth baseball/softball programs.
- Preliminary Idea: Part of the Fifth Street Master Plan includes some softball shading in the seating areas.
- Preliminary Idea: Eighteenth Street Park Splash Pad – Proceed with Engineering.
- Preliminary Idea: Additional Tree Planting
- Preliminary Idea: Security door lock and camera
- Other ideas were discussed.

Decision on committing to the projects was tabled.

### 5th street park

Matt and Tom provided an update on the dugouts. Some of the demolition was complete. Seufert Construction planned to begin most of their work in February.

The Weyer Field that was significantly damaged last fall has still not been fully repaired. Field conditioner has been repaired and Todd Andry is planning to do outfield repairs as soon as the weather breaks.

The replacement playground equipment has been delivered, but it has not been installed. Jill is digging into the billing.

#### **18th street park**

The replacement basketball goals have been delivered. Installation will commence in the spring. Jill is digging into the billing. The board will sell the old goals to the public when they are removed.

Someone has contacted Matt regarding putting a park bench at 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The location is to be determined. The cost of the bench and installation was acceptable to the donors pending a location both agreeable to the board and the donor. The bench would be in memory of Randy Vaal.

#### **Old Town Lake**

No business.

#### **Other News**

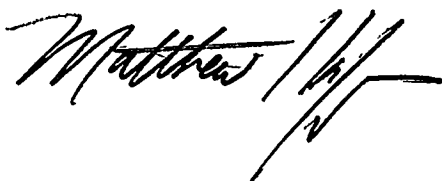
The park board will hold their annual major lease discussions at the next regular park board meeting on February 12th at 4:30 pm. All sports leagues and other interested groups are invited to meeting to discuss their league schedules and tourneys so that we can begin putting together an overall park event schedule. The location of this meeting will be at the town hall. A completed lease form, proof of insurance, and schedule must be provided to the town before the event and/or season starts.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Natalie seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted on 11 February 2025

Matthew Weyer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Weyer", with a stylized flourish at the end.