



PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2025

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Andy Berg

Guests

Trisha Grass- 3 up 3 Down

The meeting was being used as a livestream test. Effective July 1 all Park board meetings will be required to be livestreamed.

The meeting started at 4:30 PM. Meetings minutes and expenses From June 11 were approved 4-0.
Motion by Jill and second by Matt.

Budget meeting recap

The annual Town budget meeting was held on June 27. Matt and Jill attended. A separate attachment will provide detail. The requested budget by the Park board was \$663,500 . The board will also spend time at the August meeting to discuss 2025 funds available and assign priority to its list of projects.

3 Up 3 Down softball tournaments

Trisha Grass was in attendance and discussed her lease arrangement with the town. Current lease rate is \$500 per day for the 5th St park fields. We discussed several options, including billing on a per game basis or actual usage. The struggle is that the Town does not have an employee who takes care of the fields so after the tournament, the league groups have to repair the fields from the usage of the weekend. Primarily the pitching and batting areas. Ferdinand Girls softball manages concessions and has been utilizing the FP band to do this. Trisha will send examples of other leases so the board can review and make a decision for next year. Also of concern is the rental of the shelterhouse during a tournament weekend. This severely limits parking for all visitors.

Walking meditations at Old Town Lake

Certificate of Insurance has been received and the meditation walks will begin on July 22 at 7PM . Walkers are to sign a waiver at the first session they attend.

Circus Update

Lease and payment has been received for August 25. Waiting on insurance and more information around the event. Mike has reached out to Clayton Cox.

Seasonal employee

Brian Mullis has expressed interest in returning. MOTION: Approve the hiring of Brian Mullis to return at his last rate of pay, pending completion of necessary screenings and trainings. Made by Matt, second by Mike. Motion approved 4-0

Splash Pad

The idea is on hold from the Park Dept. The Town Council is looking into potential funding and lower cost options. \$100,000 had been allocated for engineering, it was approved by the Town Council for the park board to reallocate those funds. Matt received a call about a possible community petition in favor of a splash pad.

5th St. projects

Projects waiting quotes:

Relocation of press box on Ruhe field and renovation of the concession area. Matt/Andy

Repair of dugouts on Ruhe field Jill

Shade structure for all fields . Jill

Scoreboard replacement at 3 of the fields Matt

18th st Projects

Road repair is progressing. Added parking will be created and the park road will be resurfaced. MOTION:

Approve Jill to order up to \$7000 worth of benches from Bargain Barn for the park to be used for memorial requests. Made by Mike and second by Matt. Approved 4-0

Old Town Lake

Pending projects

Install new ceiling in pump house- Jill
Create entrance sign- Matt

Upcoming events

Next Park board meeting August 13 at 4:30 PM
Just Do It softball tourney July 12-13 at 5th St

Submitted by: Mike Steffe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Steffe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "M" and "S".