



PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sept 10, 2025

Park Board

Matt Weyer-present
Jill Schipp-present
Andy Berg-present
Mike Steffe-present
Tom Lueken-present

Guests

Debbie Johnson
Tamara Miller
Brent Wendholt

The meeting started at 4:30 PM. Meetings minutes and expenses from August and May and the August finance report were approved by the board

Tom Lueken retirement

Tom's last day will be October 3. His successor is expected to be named at the Sept 16 council meeting. Councilwoman Johnson expressed the need for the Park board to discuss expectations with the new Parks Manager

5th St baseball fields.

Andy and Brent provided the board with a breakdown of numbers from the baseball league.

160 kids participated in the league running from March-July in 4 age division spread out over 18 teams. The boys league also hosted 1 tourney with 32 teams participating

Brent presented a request to strip the infield grass and replace with sod on the Ruhe field. The league and the park will share the cost. A motion was made for the Parks dept. to pay 50% of the fees from Moonlight Excavating and American Dreamscapes. The work is to be completed this fall and the contractors will invoice each organization separately. The need for a mowing solution was discussed and will be implemented to prevent cross contamination of grasses.

Other items discussed include scoreboard replacement and field leveling on the Weyer field. A scoreboard

replacement plan will be developed and shared at the next meeting

Quotes have been received to raze the existing press box and remodel the concession stand. These have been taken under advisement pending additional funding.

Playground resurfacing

At the August meeting, Mike presented options for poured in place options. Jill has received a quote for a turf replacement product. The board will consider the quotes and work to prioritize play areas as well as reviewing equipment for replacement. Due to funding it is not possible to do all replacement at one time. Board members are asked to visit the parks and rank their priority areas.

18th projects

New park benches have arrived at Bargain Barn. They will be delivered to 18th St and prepared for installation. Matt will send Tom the location of the Randy Vaal bench and supply info for the plaque.

Old Town Lake

Jill is working with Dubois County Soil on another invasive species removal event to be held in mid-November.

Trees

The board approved the purchase of 24 trees from Green Thumb nursery for the amount of \$7,280. These will be delivered and unloaded by Green Thumb and planted by the Park Dept. This reflects the Park board desire to proactively plant trees to replace maturing trees throughout the parks.

Special meeting

A special meeting will be held on September 19 at 12 pm at Universal Design to discuss funding priorities

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM. Next meeting is October 8 at 4:30 at Ferdinand Town Hall

Submitted by:

Mike Steffe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Steffe', with a stylized flourish at the end.