



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2025

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Eric Rahman

Absent: Mike Steffe

The meeting started at 4:31 pm. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes and Jill seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Finances were reviewed. Jill made a motion to approve and Andy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

18th Street Park

The playground resurfacing project at the 18th Street park is now complete. According to 18th, the project went very smoothly and appears to be done in a very satisfactory manner. Unsafe and damaged areas at 5th Street were also repaired. Some materials were left with Eric and will allow for future repairs to be made.

Eric mentioned to the board that the two surplus basketball goals were advertised for sale and bids will be opened at the November town council meeting.

Eric and UDA signed off for the completion of the 18th Street park paving and striping project. Striping and the speed bump have been installed.

5th Street Park

The baseball concession building and associated demolition of the existing pressbox/storage building is due to begin construction in December. The project will complete prior to the beginning of the season.

The donated scoreboards have arrived and are in storage and will be installed in the new year. Unfortunately, one of the scoreboards arrived damaged. Matt and Eric are working with Nevco—the scoreboard company—to reconcile. It was the board's recommendation to have Nevco replace the scoreboard rather than have to touch it up on site. Nevco will replace the one scoreboard at no cost since the shipping company damaged it.

The sod replacement and sprinkler relocation at the Ruhe Field have finished and is doing very well.

Old Town Lake

The Park Board and the Dubois County Soil & Water Conservation District hosted another Weed Wrangle on Saturday, November 8th at the Old Town Lake to remove invasive plants around the park property. We had as great a turnout of approximately 20 people and appreciate all of those who participated.

General Discussion

Trees – 24 trees were purchased and delivered on November 6, 2025. The board will work with Eric to place trees in all three parks in a continuing annual effort of tree planting and replenishment through all of our parks.

Township's contribution for next year was proposed for \$35,000. There will be a mid-year payment of \$17,500 and \$17,500 at the end of the year.

Jill and Andy attended a meeting held at the Dubois County Park by Indiana Region 15. In years' past the county produced—with the assistance of the incorporated towns—a singular park master plan for the county. Indiana Region 15 has communicated that the state's preference is to consider separate, independent plans. Our park master plan is due to process in 2027, so we need to begin working on this and considering funding for it in mid to late 2026.

The restrooms at the parks have been winterized for the winter.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jill seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next meeting will be on January 14, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 9 December 2025

Matthew Weyer