



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2026

Attendees

Matthew Weyer

Jill Schipp

Andrew Berg

Rich Clark

Eric Rahman

Laura Reckelhoff

Clint Seften

Jeff Durlauf

Kyle Chase

Ben Messmer

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. We read over the meeting minutes. Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Finances were reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the finances. Jill seconded. All were in favor.

It was noted that a forthcoming encumbrance of funds in the future months and will discuss with the clerk treasurer.

The park board welcomed newest member Rich Clark, who started his 4-year term in January. He'll provide great insight, energy, and passion and we're excited to have him on the board.

Election of board officers was tabled due to a board member's absence.

The park board held their annual major lease discussions at the meeting to discuss their league schedules and tourneys as well as any facility needs or concerns. We appreciate the feedback and collaboration with those who presented their ideas. It looks like another busy spring, summer, and fall at the parks. Kyle Lechner will be assisting the board with leases.

18th street park

According to Eric, the water leak at 18th Street Park has been dramatically improved but a small leak still exists and the town departments are still working on it.

5th street park

Construction continues on the renovation and expansion of the concession storage building and will be complete by the beginning of the baseball season.

Old Town Lake

The Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual meeting and awards banquet on Feb. 3rd. The Ferdinand Park & Recreation Department received the "Friend of Conservation Award." The SWCD Supervisors created this special award to recognize individuals or organizations for their efforts in conservation. "For three years now, the department has shown strong commitment to conservation by hosting Weed Wrangle events at Old Town Lake. Their hands-on efforts to remove invasive species and support native habitats have had a lasting positive impact on the Town of Ferdinand." A big thank you goes to Park Board member Jill Schipp for leading this effort.

Other News

All of the trees purchased last year have been planted at the various parks in an effort to continue our focus of annual tree plantings within the parks.

The board presented a gift of thanks to both Mike Steffe-past Park Board Member. and Tom Lueken – former Park Superintendent for their contributions to Ferdinand's parks.

Eric has received about a half dozen applications for the park seasonal employee job posted. In the coming weeks, he will begin interviews, and we hope to have the employee on board by the start of mowing season and spring sports field use.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jill seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:49pm. pm.

The next meeting is March 11th at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted on 10 March 2026

Matt Weyer

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