



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2026

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Andrew Berg
Rich Clark
Eric Rahman

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Jill made a motion to approve the minutes; Andy 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.

2026 Officer Elections

Officers for 2026 were elected. Matt was elected President, Andy Vice President, and Jill Secretary.

5th Street Park

The concession stand project continues to move forward and remains on track to meet established deadlines. Youth practices are expected to begin at the end of March. Matt and Jill will follow up on plans for a possible dedication and/or plaque recognizing the Mobel Foundation for their ongoing support.

MasterBrand has donated a soccer scoreboard.

The sunshade project is currently on hold while softball priorities are being finalized.

Playground signage has been installed by Eric. Andy will communicate signage information to the baseball league, and Jill will coordinate communication with the softball league.

18th Street Park

A water leak at 18th Street Park is still being addressed. The issue has been significantly reduced and is now very small, possibly related to a toilet. Six ash trees were cut down and cleared, and a total of eight stumps were removed.

Old Town Lake

Issues with bird droppings at the Old Town Lake shelter house were discussed. Tammy is researching potential options to address the issue.

Equipment Purchase

A John Deere tractor purchase was discussed at a cost of \$14,000 per department, to be split between departments. The tractor would be purchased from Hudson and includes a quick-release loader and mower. Eric will take part in discussion with the Town Council for consideration of purchase.

Seasonal Employees

The hiring of two seasonal employees was discussed. Each position is for 20 hours per week. The candidates have been selected, and hiring is pending approval by the Town Council.

Other News

USA 250th Anniversary (Semiquincentennial) - Kathy Tretter contacted the Park Board on behalf of the Historical Society regarding participation in the United States' 250th anniversary. The proposal includes planting a Liberty Tree, a Princeton Elm provided by the Sons of the American Revolution, with a commemorative plaque. Eric suggested placing the tree at 5th Street Park near the sidewalk where a tree was recently removed, and the Park Board agreed.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Andy seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:02 pm.

The next meeting is April 8th at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted on 7 April 2026


Jill Schipp