



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2023

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer  
Jill Schipp  
Tom Lueken  
Mike Steffe  
Natalie Howard  
Jacob Keller

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Jill made a motion to approve the minutes; Matt seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. June finances were opened and reviewed. Matt motioned to approve the finances; Jill seconded; all were in favor.

### **Public Request - Splash Pad**

Mike spoke with Debbie Johnson about the splash pad. The council seems to be coming around to the fact that we need to spend money on amenities for the town. Matt talked to the council too. We will do some more research as to where it would go, who would be responsible for taking care of it, how much water would be used to operate it, sidewalk addition, parking, and anything else needed to complete a project like this. We will need direction from the town council and keep the dialogue open.

### **Fifth Street Park**

Tom and Matt met at Weyer Field. There is a hole in the roof of the first base dugout. The size looks as if a kid's foot went through the roof. They believe we can just put a piece of metal over it for now. All dugouts on the two boys fields seem to be rotting. We plan to talk to Brett Schipp and start phase 1 of improving the dugouts. We could start planning for them during the offseason .

Todd said the water irrigation system is now sprinkling. There is a location on the football field that pops up and leaves a puddle of water. The little league fields are shut off. Thank you, Todd for your hard work on this.

Tom moved the small soccer building so Conner Hochgesang could put up his bicycle racks. We have not heard back from him yet.

There are upcoming softball tournaments over the next two weekends. It has been noted that local teams keep our park cleaner than out-of-town teams/people. Jeff Warren thinks we are way



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undercharging for tournaments. Jasper charges \$25 per game. We need to reevaluate our prices and procedures.

### 18th Street Park

The musical park drum replacement caps are on order from a donation by Psi Iota Xi and should arrive soon. When they come in we will get an invoice to them.

### Old Town Lake

Jacob Keller was in attendance to give an update on his Eagle Scout project. He informed us that it was completed on July 3, 2023. He asked Matt to sign a proof of completion form. Tom said that everything looked good. Matt signed off on the form. We appreciate Jacob completing this project.

November 4 is the date set for the Invasive Species work day, with November 11 being the rainout day.

The Heartland marathon is still in progress. They plan to run around the old town lake. It will take place the same weekend as the Folk Fest.

### Other News

Jill is still gathering pricing for trees. She has pricing from Bushkoettters and is getting pricing from Green Thumb. The Shirley Olinger tree is a part of this order and we will plant it.

Matt asked Tammy if there was any ARPA money left that we could use towards the door locking system. She said everyone is asking for that money and will have to get back to him.

We will have a park board budget meeting at 9 am on July 14 at Weyer Electric. There is a town council budget meeting at 6:45 am on July 25 for the park board.

There was an eclipse meeting. Sara Schroeder is running things. She said that we should plan for our town size to double on this day. People will be looking for places to camp and park. Sharon and Chris are planning for the town of Ferdinand. The eclipse will take place on April 8, 2024.

We need to discuss if E-bikes (motorized bikes) are allowed on trails.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Natalie seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.

The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 24 July 2023

Natalie Howard

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