



## YEARLY PARK BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2023

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer  
Jill Schipp  
Tom Lueken  
Mike Steffe  
Natalie Howard  
Jeff Durlauf  
Jeff Warren

The meeting started at 4:32 pm. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. July finances were reviewed. Mike motioned to approve the finances; Jill seconded; all were in favor.

### Fifth Street Park

Jeff Warren with the Girls Softball League came to discuss the fact that when Utrip tournaments are held at our fields they are doing a lot of damage to our fields. Jeff Warren wants to get a quote for the field to be grated and redone. He wants to know who is responsible for fixing the field after a U-trip tourney. We told him we charge \$600 for the tournament; Jasper charges \$30 per game. It was stated that once we have their money, they don't do much else. It is good for the town to have the tournament but they could do a better job of maintaining it. Mike Steffe noted that the town does not have anyone to help with the fields. It was noted that all local tournaments always leave the place cleaned up but U-trip is always a mess. Jeff Durlauf is willing to put the work in but doesn't want to charge kids/families for other team disrespect. Mike said that he can ask Santa Claus and Jasper what their agreements are with Gress. We need to get a contract with Trish; she usually asks for 3-4 weekends for tournaments. We asked Jeff to come up with a list of materials they use and need. They said a turf complete, clay bricks, or jot blocks could benefit all 4 fields. Jeff D asked if they could save the mound on the big field and get a portable mound. We need to get a quote for grating around the bases so that it is done correctly. Since the boys league is no longer affiliated with Little League they need to move the bases. For 9/10 year old the mound needs to be 46 feet and the bases 65 feet. For the 11/12-year-old, the mound needs to be 50 and the bases 70. Jeff Durlauf said that he is open to discussing and the boys league could maybe help cover the cost of shaving the mound. We mentioned that it would be a good idea for someone to express these concerns to the Town Council. Jeff Warren will get a quote for the girl's field as well. Mike will reach out to Andy Meanette.

All softball and baseball seasons are over.

We are going to wait on improvements of dugouts for a bit. Water sprinkling on fields is ok and working.



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Nothing to report on the door locking system.  
Conner Hochegegang reported that the bike racks are complete.

### 18th Street Park

There have been some complaints that 18th Street is a softball field. People were standing in the grass part of the field and hitting balls towards houses and balls were landing on a lady's home.

The drums have been replaced in the park area.

### Old Town Lake

The invasive species activity will take place on November 4.  
Tom said there are a couple of nice spots around the lake to place the Shirley Olinger tree.

### Splash Pad News

Jeff @ Haffer said he would provide a proposal.

### Other News

Jill has not heard back from Family Roots about trees. She will follow up with Green Thumb on the availability of some yellowwood trees. We can move funds around if needed to purchase 20-30 trees. Matt made a motion for Jill to order 25+ trees, not to exceed \$10,000; Mike seconded. All were in favor. We plan to get the trees this fall.

Mike approached Sharon about people riding e-bikes around town. She confirmed there are 3 classes of e-bikes.

Folk Fest and the half marathon are scheduled for Sep 16, 2023 .

Natalie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt seconded. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted on 11 September 2023.

Natalie Howard