Park Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Park District Office

Attendance

All board members were present. Absent: Board Attorney Rosemarie Heidenreich Parker and Secretary Paul Janssen.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The board was asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the previous meeting minutes.

- **Rick** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22nd meeting.
- **Mike** seconded the motion.
- **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

Bathroom Project Bid Review

Troy Wiesemeyer and **Mike Middendorf** reviewed the revised bathroom project bid with the board.

Discussion included:

- Estimated project duration of **3 to 4 months**.
- Mike provided background information regarding the firm, noting local ties to **Freeburg** and **St. Libory**.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the distribution of the firm's drawings to other subcontractors.
- Tim asked questions regarding the project details.

Park Board Interest

Jamie Kuhn attended the meeting to learn more about the Park Board and its responsibilities. She expressed an interest in becoming involved and wanted to observe a meeting to better understand board operations.

Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

Scott Dunakey with presented the **Park Site Information Improvement Plan (Capital Improvement Plan)**.

Topics discussed included:

- Reviewing planned park improvement projects.
- Developing a clear vision for future park improvements.
- Understanding the cost impacts of each project.
- Creating project packages with solid cost estimates for future planning.

Scott displayed a site overview showing:

- Property boundaries owned by the Park District.
- All four parcels included in the park system.
- Functional areas of the park.

Cost Options Reviewed

Tim reviewed two project funding options:

- **Option A:** Approximately **$3.4 million** for completion of all projects.
- **Option B:** Slightly under **$1 million** for a reduced scope of work.

It was agreed to proceed with the **bathroom project** as part of a short-term **General Obligation Bond** initiative.

Treasurer's Report

Tim Donaho reviewed:

- Balance Sheet
- Reconciliation Report for the Regions Bank account
- Statement of Activities
- Homecoming (HOCO) financial amounts

A discrepancy of **$3.06** was noted.

- Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report.
- Motion seconded.
- **Motion carried.**

Park Manager's Report

Andrew reported:

- Preparations continue for **Homecoming (HOCO)**.
- Two mowers had mechanical issues; one mower was repaired that day.
- He is continuing to diagnose and repair the second mower.
- Mowing is being completed twice per week.
- Repairs were made to playground equipment and walking path areas.
- Drainage issues were addressed.

Additionally:

- Bernie reviewed new fryer hoses for Homecoming operations.

Attorney's Report

No report.

Old Business

Restroom Project Bid Review

The board reviewed three submitted bids for the bathroom upgrade project.

- **Rick** made a motion to accept the **Middendorf proposal**.
- **Jenny** seconded the motion.
- **Motion carried.**

New Business

Homecoming (HOCO) Update

The following updates were provided:

- Liquor license has been obtained.
- All food and beverage orders have been completed.
- Entertainment arrangements have been finalized.
- Arrangements have been made for propane tanks, fryers, and dumpsters.
- Jenny is coordinating volunteers for:
    - The Big Six Wheel
    - The second Saturday beer stand shift

- All other beer stand shifts are fully staffed.
- Paul coordinated advertising with the pharmacy and fire department marquee boards.
- Carnival tickets have been picked up and distributed.
- Sponsorship efforts are ongoing.

Carnival Contract Discussion

Dave discussed the carnival contract with **Egyptian**.

- This is the third year of the current agreement.
- The board needs to decide whether to renew the contract for an additional three years.
- Egyptian representatives indicated they could have a renewal contract available for signature during this year's Homecoming.

The board will vote on the contract at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **Chili Cook-Off** – September 26, 2026
- **Mason Schmittling Memorial Event** – September 26, 2026

Next Meeting

August 24, 2026
6:00 PM

Adjournment

- **Mike N.** made a motion to adjourn.
- **Jenny** seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at **7:27 PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Koerber
Secretary / Board Member