

Park Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2025

4:00 pm

The Park Board met in the Council Chambers with Dustin Schmett, Shannon Fuhs, Mike Fulkerson present. Abby Fink was absent. Also present were Kenlee Steffe and Superintendent Jace Merkel.

A motion was made by Fuhs, seconded by Fulkerson and carried to approve the minutes of the September 15th.

A motion was made by Schmett, Fuhs seconded, to approve the claims as presented.

5.1 Facilities Use Agreements - A Kids Place - 10/8/25 & 11/20/25

Fuhs motioned to approve the use of the Geiger Meeting Room at Old Town Hall with no charge and Schmett seconded.

5.2 Special Event Application - Church in the Park for October 4, 2026

Lana Thomas and Emma Keeling, Representatives of Central Christian Church, presented a request for the use of the main shelter house at City Park. Schmett made a motion to approve with the new rental rates pending approval of the council. Fulkerson seconded.

5.3 Old Town Hall Pricing & Other Facility Use Agreement

Kenlee Steffe presented new pricing for use of facilities. Steffe, Merkel, and Bredemeier researched and did some comparisons to other facility rentals to adjust pricing sheet. Pricing was adjusted to help pay for utilities and cleanup of all events. The damage deposit was raised from \$100 to \$300 for OTH. Pricing for the summer program was raised to \$100. Fulkerson motioned to approve the pricing and use agreement changes to go into effect January 1, 2026 and Schmett seconded.

5.4 Shutting Down Restrooms at Main Park, Northside, & Southside at end of October

We're shutting down most by the end of October and the main park restrooms the first week of November.

5.5 Roof Replacement for Main City Park Bathroom

We had a limb fall from the tree and take out part of the roof. Merkel presented a quote from B & A and recommended that we purchase the materials package and park employees would take care of the labor this winter. The roof color will change from brown to green to match League Stadium.

5.6 Request Approval to Accept Donation from Dubois County Community Foundation for Youth Ball Fields

A motion was made by Fuhs to accept the donation of \$12,000 awarded from the Robert and Karen Whitten Fund and the DC Foundation, seconded by Schmett .

5.7 Request Approval to Accept Donation from Farbest Foods for Youth Ball Fields

Fulkerson motioned to approve a \$10,000 donation that we will match. Schmett seconded.

5.8 Independent Committee to Give Recommendations for Sports Complex Improvements

A committee of parents, coaches, player reps was formed to meet with Merkel once a month until this is complete.

5.9 Pickleball Court Update

Superintendent Merkel gave an update on installation of pickleball courts at City Park. The goal is to have it completed by November 1.

5.10 Request Approval to Accept Donation from Commonwealth Engineers for Market Street Park

A motion was made by Schmett to accept a donation of \$750, Fulkerson seconded.

5.11 Amend the Request for RDC to Reappropriate Funds to the Park Playground Projects

Fulkerson motioned to approve the reallocation of the TIF funds in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 from the Senior Center project to the Parks Department, and Schmett seconded.

7. Other Items - none

8. Adjourn– Schmett motion to adjourn and Fulkerson seconded.

Meeting ending at 4:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17, at 4:00pm.

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