

Park Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM

The Park Board met in the Council Chambers with Dustin Schmett, Mike Fulkerson, Abby Fink and Randy Fehlberg were present. Superintendent Jace Merkel and Mayor Elkins were also present.

Guest present were Kenlee Steffe, Alan Bradley, Angie Sanchez-Hostetter, Allison Bieker, and Greg Meyer.

Dustin Schmett called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fulkerson, seconded by Fehlberg and carried to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting.

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5.1 Quote Opening – Pickleball Court Project

We had one bid received which was from Calcar Paving. Fulkerson made a motion to approve, seconded by Fehlberg and carried to proceed with Calcar Paving for the Pickleball Court project.

5.2 Special Event Application – Easter Eggstravaganza

Alan Bradley with Faith Community Church spoke about this event. They have been coordinating this event for 5 years and it has been well attended in the past. Fehlberg motioned to approve use of Market Street Park at no charge for this event. Schmett seconded and motion carried.

5.3 Special Event Application – Garden Gate Jazz and Wine Fest

Angie Sanchez-Hostetter came to speak about this event. She asked to have Market Street Park fenced for the event. This is a non-profit organization. They use the porch at Old Town Hall but not inside the building. Schmett made a motion to approve the use of Market Street Park at the non-profit rate. Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

5.4 Special Event Application – Get Out and Serve

Alan Bradley was seeking use of Market Street Park for the Get Out and Serve volunteers to gather before their service project. There are various churches throughout our area that collaborate for this event. Alan was asking for use of Market Street Park at no charge for 1-2 hours so volunteers can eat together. Many of these service projects benefit the city.

Fehlberg made a motion to approve Market Street Park at no charge. Schmett seconded and motion carried.

5.5 Special Event Application – Church in the Park

Alan Bradley with Faith Community Church spoke about this event. Fehlberg made a motion to accept the non-profit rate for the rental of Market Street Park. Schmett seconded and motion carried.

5.6 Special Event Application – Downtown Showdown by PopTunes

Greg Meyer came to speak about the music festival event. They are requesting to use Market Street Park including Old Town Hall. They plan to have 10 musical acts. He will need fencing due to a ticketed event. He plans to have three entry points including 4th street, 3rd street, and 231. Arthur Ross is working on the insurance provider. Greg Meyer is also speaking to Chief Kramer about having a police officer during the event. Fulkerson made a motion to approve the event application pending insurance approval. Schmett seconded and motion carried.

5.7 Senior Center Update

Allison Bieker came to speak about the transition in her role as a new director. She has kept a lot of the old games that the seniors were used to playing. She has also added new activities such as chair yoga & LRC game. She has also gotten a lot of new ideas from community members. She has placed flyers and Senior Center calendars in many local areas that seniors are likely to attend. There was also a flyer in the utility bill mailing that provided information about the new location of the Senior Center. Jace and Allison are working on some potential day trips for the seniors. Allison also went to the bowling alley and the Lofts to introduce herself as the new Senior Center director.

5.8 Stadium Lease Agreement – Dubois County Bombers

The Bombers and the city have come to an agreement regarding the Bombers contract. The new agreement does not have a fee on sales merchandise in the gift shop. The new agreement will start at \$14,000 lease cost. Then they have an option to resign an agreement for the next 2 years with an increase of 5% increase each year. The Mayor stated we appreciate the Uebelhor's being such great partners over the years regarding Bomber ownership.

5.9 League Stadium Repair Update

Jace Merkel said the 1st base sideline stadium has some rot and the park employees have started to repair some of the damages. The park department had lumber to fix most of the

problem areas but are considering some contractors to fix the support beam. Jace is getting quotes from Cooper Contracting and Siefert's. He wants to get the repairs completed before the high school baseball season starts which is around mid-March. The decision may depend on which contractor can make the repairs before this deadline. Schmett motioned to allow Jace to make a decision on which company should do the repairs due to the urgency of the situation. Fehlberg seconded and motion carried.

5.10 Pickleball Court Update

The court is ready for paving. The funds are available and we are just waiting for the contractor's availability. The project estimates to be done in March weather permitting.

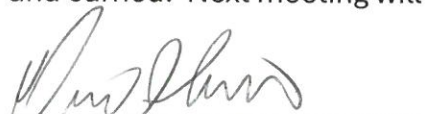
5.11 League Stadium Turf Committee

Jace Merkel has been looking at turfing League Stadium. Around 45% of the cost has been raised to support this project. Jace asked if someone from the Park Board would like to be on the committee to help continue to raise funds for this project. Mike Fulkerson agreed to join the committee. This committee can help move forward without using the Park Board's time.

6. Other Items

7. Adjourn

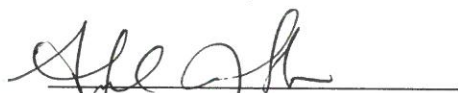
The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM. Schmett motioned to adjourn, Fehlberg seconded and carried. Next meeting will be March 16th at 4:00 PM.



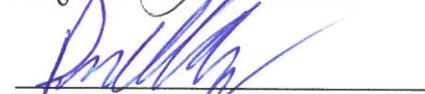
Dustin Schmett, President



Mike Fulkerson, Board Member



Abby Fink, Board Member



Randy Fehlberg, Board Member