

Open Meeting:

1. Roll call

Johnnie Collins- present, Kimberly Storey- present, Kailey Newbrough- present, Jerra Icenhower- absent, Felecia Stewart- present, Cheryl Winder- present, Tim Cooke- present

2. Call to order

Newbrough calls the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

3. Approve agenda

Collins makes a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Winder seconded.

Vote: 6 - yes, 0 - no

Public Forum: One community member present. New application for park board submitted.

Business Meeting:

1. Employee Reports: C. Counterman states basketball concession profits are up approximately \$2300. Craig presents a quote for seeds for baseball fields. 7 bags for \$571.55 and is cheaper than last year's quote. Winder makes a motion to get seed for fields, Storey seconds the motion. Discussed stickers on light poles at park, parking lot. Reinforcing the time restrictions for park access with police staff. Craig needs 10-11 2x6's to repair picnic tables. Also need to power wash and stain the picnic tables, buildings, and signs. Cooke mentions PCAC volunteering to assist with park updates & repairs. Craig asks if we would like to get a tax exempt form with Menards. He will look into the details and report back to us. Lowe's has been hit or miss with a tax exempt account. B. Counterman says our basketball numbers are up from last year. No complaints from parents/players. Picking up trophies/pins tomorrow, will pay with credit on account or credit card. Basketball boys reffing, paid directly from us since coaches are not present. Currently get two nights for practices and all day Saturday for games. Reduced practice times to 30 minutes this year to fit all teams in. Potential to lose gym space if the wrestling program expands into middle school. Discussing reaching out to local facilities/churches for potential practice space in the future.

2. Treasurer Report: Storey has no updates from the bookkeeper. Presents the need for two credit cards for concessions and for park director purchases. C. Counterman said all purchases are made online with Sam's Club and the park would benefit with cash rewards if it had a Sam's credit card. C. Counterman requests the plus membership

for free shipping. Parkboard has a Sam's membership and possibly can apply through that account.

Old Business

1. Grant Writing Updates: Storey: Do not meet the low to moderate income requirements of 51%, currently approximately 35%. Could consider an income survey. Currently waiting on responses to pending questions. Cooke has a grant writer with PCAC and will discuss options with them.
2. Park Fencing: Collins quoted 3 different fence bids. Approximately 400 linear feet. Privacy fence approximately 4ft tall. Trenton Nickels-Nickels Renovations \$9,425 - 10,700 + \$2000 if cedar, Wade Eberlin \$10-12,000 + \$800 cedar, and Miller Fence \$6,500-7,600 pine. Need a park property survey and to discuss it with the homeowner and fence proposal too. Collins to address survey and discussion with homeowner.
3. Seasonal Support: Currently no applicants for this position. Consider bids from mowing companies as another option. Craig to get an estimate of land size to mow.
4. Movies in the Park: Newbrough asks Winder if she can discuss chamber event dates. Cooke mentioned having it 8/6/25 on a Wednesday night with PCAC - National Night Out. B. Counterman said we need to look into paying copyright to play movies (public performance rights, cost ?). C. Counterman proposed having the concession stand open too. Back to school bash hosted by the park could be another movie night option and that is usually hosted the Saturday before school starts. Cooke has a projector to use for the outdoor movie in the park. The board proposed the event to be donation led by the community. Dates to be selected in the future.

New Business:

1. Deteriorating Sponsors Signs: Craig provided images for deteriorating signs at the baseball fields. The three sponsors on the signs are currently not sponsors and signs can be removed. Smalltown Party Rental is currently a sponsor. Collins will remove the signs.
2. Park rocks: Craig mentioned a student has expressed interest in painting them. Possibly the Art Club in the high school.
3. Sports facility: Newbrough spoke with the Mayor about money for a facility. The city will not give more than \$240,000 a year. Parkboard would have to obtain their own loan and be able to make payments along with all other expenses to be paid throughout the year. The Mayor said we can rearrange the park's funds to pay for a center. Before presenting a grant to the city council we need to make sure we are approved for it. The Mayor said there have been previous plans drawn up for a center, but B. Counterman said those plans are larger than what we need to pursue at this time. Counterman has plans for a facility to accommodate indoor sports, seating, concessions, and restrooms. Craig provided dimensions of FEMA

building 63.5 ft wide and 137 ft long but there are locker rooms that could be cut off. So approximately 24 ft shorter? B. Counterman recommended 4 different bids for 2 different types of buildings. Wood vs. steel, etc. B. Counterman will pull old plans to see what adjustments could be made.

4. Soccer/flag football: "Quick Soccer Tune Up" Waiting to post soccer season due to weather. B. Counterman to post tomorrow with sign up cut off next Friday. No uniform this season but a universal t-shirt given at the end of season. Use the pennies for games. Not a traditional soccer season. Monday &/or Tuesday practice. Saturday soccer games. Consider parent shirt options. Discussed park board shirts for staff, mentioned in previous minutes.

Cooke motions \$30 registration fee for soccer tune up season, Winder seconds the motion.

vote: yes-6, no - 0

Flag Football/Cheer registration: after soccer season starts. 10 day registration period. Allowance for late registrations, B. Counterman to make a decision on cut off. Including \$10 late fee registration cutoff.

5. New Board Member: Shawna P., moved in from Utah. Has a first grader in Fair Grove schools. Interested in getting involved with sports and the community. Newbrough makes a motion to approve Shawna P. as a new board member, Collins seconds the motion.

yes-6, no-0

6. Easter Budget: Winder presents the Easter budget of \$500, for eggs, candy and park board sport registrations. Stewart makes a motion for Winder to spend up to \$500 for the Easter event. Cooke seconds the motion. PCAC is hosting an Easter Bunny and breakfast at Legacy on morning of the Easter Egg hunt hosted by the park.

Closed Session:

1. C. Counterman's raise has not appeared on her paychecks. Needs to increase to \$15. Newbrough to call Sara tomorrow. C. Counterman requests back pay to 1/1/25.

Approve Park Board Minutes

Cooke makes a motion to approve park board minutes from the last meeting, Storey seconded.

Vote: yes-6, no-0

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Adjournment:

Newbrough makes a motion to adjourn the open meeting at 7:51 pm

Next Park Board meeting will be Monday March 10th, 2025.

Felecia Stewart, Secretary