



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

City Hall

Monday December 15th, 2025 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order: 5:17pm

Roll Call: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Attending: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Stasi

Absent: Meska

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the November 17th, 2025, meeting:

Motion: Bouska

2nd: Stasi

Aye: All

Nay: None

Citizen Comments: None

Future Projects: Johnson talked to the board about the procedure when someone comes to them with a project they would like to do for the city. Johnson stated that citizens need to come to the park and rec meeting and address the board to gain their approval. Citizens must bring plans, diagrams, secured funding sources and be placed on agenda for the next meeting for final approval before they can move forward with a project.

Updates: Johnson talked about the trail project that came to a screeching halt due to the weather. Johnson stated that Baker completed most of the concrete work and will need to return in the spring to finish a few concrete pours and to complete dirt work and seeding. Johnson provided the board with numerous pictures of the project. Johnson stated that they have been working on maintenance of all their equipment as they like to have most of it done by the end of the year as snow removal and burials take up a lot of time in January and February. Johnson stated that they came in on Thanksgiving Day weekend and the following weekend for snow removal. Johnson stated that he and the assistant took their applicator license CEU's this past week as they need to complete every year. Johnson stated that he applied for a grant through the Fayette County Community Foundation this fall for funds for a new 16' aluminum diving board for the aquatic facility. Johnson stated that they were awarded \$5,552.50, as the grant requires 25% matching. Johnson stated that he also applied for the Iowa Park and Recreation Foundation as they could earn an additional \$1,500 with this grant to go towards the new diving board. Johnson stated that commercial diving boards last around 8 to 10 years as this low board gets a lot of usage. Johnson stated that the reception for this grant will be on January 22nd at the Oelwein library if any board members are available that day. Johnson stated that the park department employees did a tremendous job this past season as they are looking forward to 2026.

Fee Schedule:

- Consideration of a motion approving the fee schedule for 2026: Johnson reviewed the fee scheduled that they discussed and the increases the board recommended. Johnson stated that he sent out a fee survey to all park and recreation directors and received some comparables to share with the board. Gearhart recommended adding a yearly flat fee of \$500 for the school to use ball fields and the school is responsible for supplies to prep the field.

Motion: Jorgensen

2nd: Stasi

Aye: All

Nay: None

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment: 5:57 pm

Next Meeting: February 2026

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