



Agenda

Park & Rec Meeting

City Hall

Monday December 15th, 2025 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order:

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

Attending:

Absent:

Approval of Minutes:

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

Motion:

2nd:

Aye:

Nay:

Citizen Comments:

Future Projects:

Updates:

Fee Schedule:

- Consideration of a motion approving the fee schedule for 2026:

Motion:

2nd:

Aye:

Nay:

Board Member Updates:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: February 2026

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Minutes

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Absent: Jorgensen

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the September 15th, 2025, meeting:

Motion: Meska

2nd: Bouska

Aye: All

Nay: None

Citizen Comments: None

Tree Board Updates:

Johnson talked to the board about the "Trees for Kids" tree planting that was held on October first at City Park. Johnson stated that they planted 15 trees at City Park around the front area and north end of the park. Johnson stated the city was awarded the full \$2,500 for this opportunity, the same as they were awarded last year. Johnson stated that this is a non-matching grant and that these trees can be placed on any city property. Johnson talked to the board about the tree planting that they held on the 15th of October with Trees Forever. Johnson stated that they were awarded the full \$5,000 as this is also a non-matching grant in the way of matching dollars. Johnson stated that the matching part for the city with these programs comes in the way of supplying hours for watering, planting, maintenance; as well as supplying t-posts, mulch, rope, water bags, etc. Johnson praised board member Joe Bouska as he helped with this project with volunteers once again from East Penn. Johnson stated that Kyle Scheel also brought employees with his landscaping business, there were park and cemetery employees, board members, Alliant Energy and Trees Forever representatives present. Johnson stated that they pushed back the tree planting a day due to rain as it rained just as much the following day unfortunately. Johnson stated that they planted all 41 trees in about three hours as the department puts in a lot of hours preparing for this event every year. Johnson stated that the city is very fortunate to have such a great tree board that keeps doing a great job every year. Johnson stated that with this planting they have planted over 900 trees in the past ten years and brought in tens of thousands of dollars for the organization. Johnson stated that they planted around forty chestnut trees this spring that have done very well and will keep them in pots for a few years until they are big enough to put in their final location. Johnson stated that the park and cemetery transplanted the gravel bed trees to the cemetery as they did not have a lot of gravel bed trees this year. Johnson stated that he has finished the Tree City application to the Arbor Day Foundation for 2025 and the board will be completing a tree trimming next month to complete the requirements for a possible Growth Award for 2025.

Parks / Cemetery Updates:

Johnson stated that they trimmed down some dead ash trees along the NW trail this past two months using the bucket truck. Johnson stated that they poured concrete for a drinking fountain at the sports complex, the bean bag game foundations at Red Gate Park and cemetery foundations. Johnson stated that they installed a series of posts with story boards on them along the trail behind the middle school as part of a senior project. Johnson stated that unfortunately, someone broke all the plexiglass panels, pulled posts out the ground and broke the boards not long after they were installed. Johnson stated that the park and cemetery employees went through

Johnson stated that the cemetery and park employees completed one last round of mowing all the properties down and chopping up leaves before they big layoff. The employees burned off what they could at city park at the time but with the very late leaf drop there are still a lot of leaves that have not fallen yet. Johnson commended park employee Dan Ohl who designed and fabricated a very nice set of heavy-duty board covers for the aquatic center. Johnson stated that Dan goes above and beyond to help the department and took it upon himself to make these very nice covers. Johnson also stated that he appreciates all the hard work that all the employees did in all the departments this summer as a lot was asked of them this year and they came through and did a fantastic job.

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