

## Park Board Report Sept. 2, 2025

Attendees: Mikel Ropp, Andrew Medford, Linda Powell, Scott Dreamer (Zoom), Mike Yoder, Jill Swartz, Eric Funkhouser, (zoom), Gregg Tuholski  
Rosemary McDaniel, Secretary.

Minutes from last meeting were approved as corrected.

It was moved by Andrew and seconded by Linda to accept the minutes as corrected. The Correction being 50 to a 100 people per game, not event.

Mikel asked if the administration could provide us with some statistics on park facility rentals from the previous month, and any future rentals that they may want to share with us.

There was a discussion on rentals and the impact that cleanliness has to do with these rentals. Jill answered that we have had very few problems with the cleanliness this year, and that would be mainly happening when there were back to back Friday/Saturday rentals. So far this season we have only had 2 complaints about not having air conditioning. The Board had a discussion about air conditioner for Hermance Park pavilion, and it was decided to table this discussion until we know the future of the pavilion in that park. Or the heating unit goes out.

Visitor: Gregg Tuholski from the Bristol Town Board talked to us about Raber's Golf Course. He was wondering if the Park Board was considering the possibility of taking over the operation of the golf course. This was a new subject for the Park Board, and Mikel asked Mike Yoder to explain what was going on with the golf course. Mike explained that the owner/operator of the golf course was retiring at the end of the year., and there were two possible parties wanting to buy the golf course. This golf course has a rider on the deed which says that it will only be used as a golf course or green space. Gregg was really hoping that it could stay under the Town's umbrella.

The Park Board decided that they did not have the money or the man power to run the golf course at this time. Mike Yoder said that the Town Council was handling the situation at the next few meetings.

Next on the agenda, Mikel wanted to talk about establishing guidelines for recurring reservations or special use facilities. He wants the Park Board to think and consider ideas for a discussion next month.

### Congdon Park:

Jill talked about the Car Show that the Library sponsored, and they had 103 cars and the weather was good, and there was a lot of positive feedback for the show. It seems to be growing bigger each year.

There was a discussion on wasp nests, and Eric said they would be checking in the parks for nests to be removed. They do this each time that they mow the parks.

Jill said that the Library was discussing the possibility of moving the Summer Fest Festival event to later in the fall, however, we already have the Corn Dog and the Halloween Festival in the fall. So the timing of these events would have to be coordinated.

### Cummins Park:

First thing Mike Yoder said is we needed to vote on an appropriation to advance money to pay for the additional parking project. Linda moved that we appropriate \$50,000 from non-referring fund. Motion was seconded by Scott. Motion was passed.

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The next thing on the agenda was a discussion on the baby swings in Cummins Park that had been taken down for repair. Eric said it is back up now, and parts have been replaced. We now have one in Cummins Park and one in Congdon Park.

Basketball court reconstruction is on hold until we can find a new contractor. John Young is retiring. But he is trying to pass his contract to a new contractor. Meanwhile, Eric is also looking for contractors.

Eric was wanting to know our thoughts on shutting down the Splash Pad. He wants to have both the Splash Pad and Pickle Ball Courts power washed at the end of the Season.

The Company that power washed the Town Hall is H&H Power washing. This is the company Eric wants to use for the Pickle Courts and Splash Pad.

Hermance Park

All cleaning supplies have been stocked in the pavilion, and One Wild Man is changing both dry and wet mops out two times a month. There is a small problem with people taking our supplies. Eric is looking into ways to eliminate putting full bottles of the supplies out.

Memorial Park:

Jill said the stump from the removed tree has been grounded out. The irrigation has been damaged and some will need to be replaced after all construction is done in the downtown area in 2026.

The Budget:

Mikel wanted Scott's approval of the 2026 budget since he wasn't at the last meeting. Scott gave his approval.

Mike Yoder showed the Board a picture of a lady on a bicycle pulling books out of library boxes in Congdon Park, and throwing them on the ground. This has been turned over to the police department. This small Library was donated by Bail Home Services.

Andrew motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Linda seconded. Motion passed.

Next Park Board Meeting will be Oct. 7, 2025, 6pm at the Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

