

## May 6, 2025 Park Board Meeting

Attending: Mike Ropp, Scott Dreamer, Andrew Medford, Linda Powell, Mike Yoder, Jimmy Hanes, Eric Funkhouser, Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.

April minutes were approved, as corrected.

Visitors: None.

Town Manager's report: Mike Yoder reported that a lot of the activity for the Summer Library Reading program Event has been moved from Cummins Park to Congdon Park. However, the Pickle Ball Tournament will still be in the Cummins Park.

There was a discussion of how the cleaning of Hermance Park, especially the floor, should be handled. The town workers will be checking out the pavilion to see how the floor looks between rentals, to assure that the floor has been cleaned.

Mike Yoder said that the park board budget was on target, and \$10,000 from the Town will be transferred into our donation fund.

Eric Funkhouser, Maintenance Supervisor, said that there had been more work done on the Congdon Kayak Launch. His research on concrete picnic tables cost, showed around \$2,000 each. The Board felt that this was too much and opted for metal picnic tables on a concrete base, instead. The placement of the tables would be two behind the pavilion, and two on the east side of the river walk.

Scott asked Eric about who replaces the dog bags in the dispensers in the parks. Eric said bags are ordered and all the dispensers will be resupplied.

The Splash Pad will be open as soon as possible as weather permits. And we are hoping that the repairs to the Pad will have corrected the slippery problem. The Maintenance team will power wash the Splash Pad as needed.

Eric discussed canopies in Cummins Park for shade. He will get quotes and bring back for the next meeting.

There was a discussion on the Basketball court. It was 20,000 dollars for Asphalt and \$30,000 for Concrete. After discussion, Scott motioned and Linda seconded that we use concrete to replace the old basketball court. Scott felt that we could just refresh the basketball backboard, rather than getting a new one. Mike Yoder said he would contact John Young to get it on his schedule.

Hemance Park: Eric said that we need new brushes and pads for the cleaning of Hermance Park and he will get the supplies to use for the scrubber. Maintenance will keep an eye on the floors. Mike Yoder asked Eric if they would keep track of the complaints, and he felt that there were not that many.

The Hermance Kayak launch is now fixed from the ice damage. In the winter time, we may just remove the rails.

Memorial Park: There was an estimate of \$3,000 to remove the tree. Linda motioned and Scott seconded to take the tree down.

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Michael wanted to take the last few minutes to talk about the structure of our Park Board meetings, hoping to make them more productive and to give more structure to the meetings.. hopefully making us more efficient and define how each member should interact with the tasks that need to be done. He will address this subject at the next Park Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2025 in the Town Hall. Guests are welcome.

Recording Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel