

# CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER - AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

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**Agenda Item:** Donation and Allocation of Park Board Fund.

**Committee Review:** Park Board

**Meeting Date:** April 30th, 2026

**Requested by:** Jodi Mieden- Recreation Director

## **Background:**

### **Strategic Allocation and Disbursement of Remaining Park Board Funds.**

Considering the impending transition regarding the status of the Park Board, this serves to formally designate the allocation of the remaining funds currently held in the Park Board Fund. It is the Board's primary objective to ensure these community dollars are fully utilized for their intended purpose: the immediate improvement and completion of vital city park infrastructure.

## **Priority Project Allocations**

To ensure a seamless transition of oversight, the Board has identified the following outstanding projects for immediate funding:

- **Aquatic Center Completion:** Provisions for a concrete pad and a shade structure at the Splash Pad to address critical sun-safety needs and enhance the user experience for local families. **\$4,200.00**
- **Athletic Field Infrastructure:** Funding for Krouskop Park ballfield dugout fences to ensure the facilities are fully functional for upcoming seasons. **\$2,850.00**
- **Signage & Accessibility:** Completion of the signage project for the soccer fields located under the highway, which is essential for guiding users toward the trail system and improving the visibility of these recreation areas. **\$439.00**
- **Future project possibilities:** Krouskop Park ballfield dugout benches with integrated equipment shelves. Potential collaboration with the Knights of Columbus to share the cost and finalize the project.

## **Residual Fund Management and Recognition of Contributions and Legacy**

- Following the finalization of the specific projects listed above, the Board authorizes that any remaining balance of the \$12,422.45 be transferred to the oversight of the Recreation Director. These residual funds are to be used at the Director's discretion to address any remaining punch-list items or minor maintenance needs within the parks system.
- To maintain transparency and honor the history of the Park Board's stewardship, the Board directs that funds are also used to purchase a commemorative plaque or sign be permanently affixed to each project funded by this final allocation.
- By earmarking these funds now, the Park Board ensures that these long-discussed improvements are brought to fruition, honoring the community's investment in our shared outdoor spaces. It's a great way to leave a lasting mark on our community's parks and let the community know that the Board's final act was one of reinvestment.

**Department Recommendation:** Formally designate the allocation of the remaining funds currently held in the Park Board Fund, and future allocation authorization be transferred to the oversight of the Recreation Director.

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Financial Impact:** \$7,489.00

**Funding Source:** 10-18100-000 Parks/Rec/CC Account

**Budget:** \$12,422.45

## **Requested Action:**

**PARK BOARD:** Motion to recommend to the Finance Committee to formally designate the allocation of the remaining funds currently held in the Park Board Fund, and future allocation authorization be transferred to the oversight of the Recreation Director.