

Park Board

Meeting Minutes

Location: Park Office – 400 N Whitley St
Date: August 25 th , 2025
Time: 6:00pm

Agenda Details

I. Introductions

- A. Present – Mark Ellis, Roger Ferrell, Keith Nickolson, and Matt Heiden
- B. Review June 2025 minutes
 - 1. Mark Ellis motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Roger. All voted aye.

II. Old Business

- A. Matt mentioned that the trail to the high school is almost completed.
 - 1. Pedestrian island is finished. Need lights installed.
 - 2. All the lights and signage have been installed on Radio Road.
 - 3. There will be fencing added around the pedestrian island for ADA compliance and public safety.
- B. People must pay to rent our baseball fields.
 - 1. Indiana Code states that areas in parks are free to use. However, Park Boards members may charge a reasonable fee to provide a specific activity.
 - 2. It also helps when people schedule field, so our maintenance crew can provide field maintenance when needed.
- C. The Board reviewed Onturf's requested dates.
 - 1. The weekend of April 24th will not work for them to rent our fields.
 - 2. Roger motioned to accept the requested dates, except for the April 24th weekend, and all voted aye.

III. New Business

- A. Talk about the old cross-country trail behind Eagle Park
 - 1. Cross Country coach wants to have a service project with his team to get the old trail opened back up.
 - 2. There are concerns about the current condition of the trail and how much overgrow has occurred.

3. There are concerns about the maintenance of the trail and what kind of mowers will be able to fit back there. There also was discussion of how often it will be able to be mowed.

4. Mark stated that the trail would be a good addition to Eagle Park and motioned to approve the service project. Roger seconded the motion and all voted aye.

B. Park job descriptions will be changing as they no longer fit for all upcoming projects and positions.

1. This is preparing for the Amphitheater.

a) Will need a special events coordinator.

2. Will need someone to oversee events/recreational opportunities.

a) This person will also oversee the pool operations.

3. Positions will be rearranged and/or created while being conscious of the budget

C. Masonic Lodge would like to clean up and restore some items at Kids Dreamland.

1. They would like to fix up the picnic tables and align them with all the names of their past Masters.

a) The names would be designed so no one can tamper with them or remove them

2. They are going to help us fix the leaking roof in the men's bathroom.

3. They also want to help resurface the basketball courts.

D. Animal Grams will be having a petting zoo for farm animals on August 30th at the Morsches Park pavilion.

1. About 28 available animals

E. Daily Admission rate for the pool was raised to \$7 for this year.

1. This brought in over \$19,000 dollars in revenue.

a) This helped pay for some chemicals that we ordered.

2. They discussed some upcoming maintenance projects happening at the pool.

F. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Keith. Mark seconded the motion and all voted aye.

IV. Conclusion

A. Next meeting is September 22th, 2025.

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