

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025
7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE

Present: Tim Hallquist, Kathy Van Thiel, Rick Conner (arrived at 7:05), Randy Ferrell, Shaunta De Boer, and Nick Miller.

Excused: Craig Eisenhut

Others: Sam Blonien, Tom Jenson, Leo Jungbluth, Cory Bahr, and Elaine Houdek.

7:00 PM Call to Order

Public comments for those items not included on this agenda: (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three-minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of May 5, 2025.

Motion (Ferrell/Van Thiel) to approve May 5, 2025, minutes. (3 -0) two abstentions, not a quorum so this will need to come back to next meeting.

Public Works –

2. Discussion to have Hartbrook baseball field moved to Centennial Park-

DPW supervisor Jungbluth said the if the Village decides to build a new building for Admin and the Police Department at Hartbrook Park, Hartbrook would lose the baseball field there. DPW Director said the President Pfannerstill asked that this be brought to Park Board level to see if Park Board has any input on moving Hartbrook baseball field to Centennial because they are thinking of removing the Hartbrook field. He said the only plans they have right now at centennial and that is in the packet. He said there has been talk in the past of moving it to the Cottonwood Wayside. Brief discussion on where lacrosse would go if Hartbrook baseball field was moved to centennial where the soccer field is. Brief discussion on the dimensions of Hartbrook and soccer and locations of the fields. Hallquist said if we wanted to make it more utilized for older kids, we would need to make that field bigger which would knock two of those options out. Hallquist said the only other place would be the Cottonwood Wayside. Ferrell said it is a good thing to look at our green spaces, and the Cottonwood Wayside would be a great place to have a sports complex with multiple ball diamonds, disc golf etc. Jenson said the worst thing about Cottonwood Wayside is sewer & water and there is no access to It there. He said at Cottonwood Wayside there is a need for a lift station and that would be a lot of money. Hallquist said a benefit to putting a field on the south side of Centennial would be there could be two games going on at once and then possibly add food options. Ferrell said it would be awesome if the Village had a sports complex and a local business to go into corporation and run that. Jenson said it is either the Wayside or Centennial and it was stated Centennial would be cheaper. Discussion on how often the football field is used. It was

stated there are a lot of teams in the area that want to use our fields. Hallquist said he gets a lot of compliments on the fields, and he said DPW does a great job taking care of them. Hallquist said so the general consensus is that we do not want to lose it. Brief discussion on both areas.

3. Discussion and consideration to add a basketball court at Castle Park to the CIP budget-

Jenson said Jungbluth got some numbers to add to the CIP budget, he got numbers for both a full court and half court. The Houdek's were present and said they received a lot of signatures and that they did not have anyone say anything negative about adding a basketball court. Discussion on full court or half court. Jungbluth said a half court would be easier to fit in. Discussion on best location so it can be seen better visually. Jenson said for a half court it would cost about \$40,000 and for a full court about \$65,000.

Motion (Nick Miller/Conner) to add half-court basketball court to CIP budget for next year as an advisory to the Village Board. Carried 6-0.

Other items for Consideration-

4. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.

None.

- Area by DPW shop was seeded and hoping to be able to move forward with an archery site.
- Bonien said she is still looking for Hometown Celebration volunteers. Also preparing for Summer Camp.
- Jenson said Terry Miller reached out to him and they are meeting next week to go over the two different maps for the disc golf.

5. Adjourn -

Motion (de Boer/Conner) to adjourn. Carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,
Deidre Bushey - Deputy Clerk