



Park Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 - 6:15 PM

Newton City Hall - Council Chambers
101 W 4th St S
Newton, IA 50208

- I. Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 1. April 17, 2024
- III. Review 2023 Park Board Goals
- IV. 2024 Goal Setting Practice
- V. Adjourn

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Chair: Melanie Humphrey; **Members:** Rachelle Tipton, Jeff Osby, Sveta Miller, Collin Daniels

**Minutes of Meeting
Newton Park Board
April 17th, 2024**

A quorum being present, Chair Humphry called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

ROLL CALL: Board members present: Daniels, Humphry, Miller,

Board members absent: Tipton, Osby

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Cummins, Parks Operations Superintendent

Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting from January 17th, 2024 were reviewed. **Motion** by Daniels, **seconded** by Miller to approve the minutes as written. **Role call vote**, approved 3-0.

Mini Pitch Location: Cummins provided a proposed site plan for Maytag Park, including placeholders for potential future projects. This specifically included a proposed location for a Mini Pitch Soccer Court. Two citizens expressed concerns with the proposed design and discussed with the board a different option.

Daniels made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed location (#2) for the mini-pitch soccer court at Maytag Park, noting that other proposed improvements shown on the concept plans shall be reviewed at a later date. Findings of fact include:

- 1) The mini-pitch soccer court location retains adequate space for a future layout which may include up to 16 pickleball courts, additional vehicle parking, retaining 1 full-size basketball court, and a covered shelter.
- 2) The mini-pitch soccer court location has minimal impact to existing disc golf course.
- 3) The mini-pitch soccer court location is located nearby the existing shelter and restrooms.
- 4) The mini-pitch soccer court location is located nearby existing street angled parking.
- 5) The mini-pitch soccer court location is ideally situated to be a potential place for community engagement during special events, such as Newton Fest.

Motion was seconded by Miller.

Vote passed 3-0.

Motion by Daniels to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Miller. **Voice vote**, approved 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

The Goals of the Newton Park Board – August 2023
City of Newton, Iowa
Approved August 15, 2023

In 2013, the Newton Park Board sought public input to help identify park needs, new ideas for the parks, and other ways to improve the park system. Based on that initial input, the Park Board established a set of goals they felt were important to accomplish over the next several years.

In September of 2017 the Park Board's original goals were reviewed again, with updates given on those goals that have been completed or partially done. The Park Board was then asked to come up with two new lists of actual projects and visions/goals. Board members were then given a survey to prioritize these two lists, with the intention of determining the top seven projects and the top three visions/goals. Based on that survey, the Park Board approved the goals on December 20, 2017. This process has been repeated annually since 2018, with the latest list of goals and visions approved on July 20, 2022.

To align with the City's CIP and budget schedule in 2023, the Park Board again reviewed a list of proposed goals and visions at their meeting on June 28, 2023; and then completed an online survey. Based on the results of this survey, the Park Board's top priorities are as follows:

Projects:

1. Hike & Bike Trail Loop: complete the city-wide hike & bike trail loop.
2. Inclusive Playground Features: construct inclusive playground equipment and features in a park location TBD.
3. Sunset Park: complete park improvements per recent planning and design efforts.
4. Westwood Clubhouse: build a new clubhouse for Westwood Golf Course to better serve golf customers and to generate more usage of the facility (downsized vision to seat 150 people for events).
5. Maytag Pool Upgrades: install new play features in the pool (includes removal of existing mushroom fountains and concrete structure in the shallow end), lazy river, or other large-scale attraction.
6. ADA Improvements in Parks: construct ADA-complaint walks, routes, and other related improvements at various park locations.
7. Skate Park: construct new, larger skate park in Aurora Park.

Visions/Goals:

1. Parks Evaluations: Evaluate the long-term needs or uses of all City parks.
2. Hike & Bike Trails: Connect Newton to the Central Iowa bike trail system.
3. Volunteer Opportunities: Create volunteer opportunities to encourage more ownership of the parks among citizens to discourage vandalisms and other unwanted activities

Park Board Goal Setting Proposed List
July 24th, 2024

- Conduct Needs Assessment and Master Plan Study for Newton Park System
- Complete Basketball Hoop Update Throughout Park System (8 remaining)
- Improve/ Add Cardinal Pond Amenities
- Splash Pad Restroom Building/ Rec Space
- Add Inclusive Playground
- Sunset Park Improvements
- Skate Park at Aurora Park
- Addition of Additional Pickle Ball Complex at Maytag Park
- Plan to Re-habilitate Existing Park Shelters and Restrooms
- Develop Replacement Plan for Existing Playground Equipment
- Hike and Bike Trail Extension
- Update and Replace Backstop Fencing Around Ball Diamonds
- Laser Grade Ball Diamond Infields
- Dredge Westwood Golf Course Pond
- Park Tree Removal Project
- ADA Improvements Throughout Parks