



Park Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - 6:15 PM

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

- I. Roll Call
- II. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:10-23-2024
- III. Elections Of Board Positions
- IV. Splash Pad Rules- Nick
- V. New Business
 1. Pool Passes
 2. REAP Grant Award
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Adjourn

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

Minutes of Meeting Newton Park Board October 23rd, 2024

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

I. ROLL CALL: Board members present: Miller, Humphry, Osby

Board members absent: Daniels, Tipton

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Cummins, Parks Operations Superintendent
Leigh Bailey, Parks Recreation Specialist

II. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting from September 18th, 2024 were reviewed. **Motion** by Miller, **seconded** by Osby to approve the minutes as written. **Role call vote**, approved 3-0.

III. Request from PGI Newton Committee: Councilman, Randy Irvin made a presentation I regards to the proposed upcoming PGI event that is scheduled to be held in Newton. Irvin gave an overview of the event itself, and how several of the parks could be utilized during the event. Parks Operations Superintendent, Nick Cummins, made a presentation of staff proposals, and recommended maintenance practices during the event. This included a proposed fee to the PGI committee to cover the lost revenue from park shelter, ball diamond, and disc golf tournament rentals.

Miller asked for clarification on noise for surrounding citizens and if the Adult Softball Complex would have sufficient space for the proposed crowd. Miller also wanted to make sure staff accounted for any other costs to city staff was covered.

Humphry wanted to point out that the entrances to Newton Union Cemetery should be blocked off during public viewing nights to prevent vehicles from parking in there.

Motion by Osby to take the Parks Board vote of recommendation to allow PGI to operate the event utilizing the parks space that was requested, with staffs concerns accounted for, **seconded** by Miller, vote passed unanimously.

IV. City Dog Pound: Captain Wing, Newton Police Dept., presented a plan to install the proposed dog pound shed on the Westwood Golf Course Property, south of the existing Dog Park and open air shelter. Wing informed the board as to how the operation would run, as well as how the aesthetics of the building would be dealt with the not bring anything unsightly to the property. It was also noted that this location was a good fit due to the close proximity of the needed utilities.

Park board had many questions for Captain Wing. Osby raised concerns with curb appeal and noise potential, especially after the construction of a new clubhouse. Miller and Humphry also had concerns with curb appeal and how bushes and fencing could be used.

Motion was made by Miller for the Parks Boards vote of approval of the proposed City Dog Pound location, **seconded** by Osby, vote passed unanimously.

V. Rules of Procedure/ By Laws: Cummins reminded board of the presentation made at the September 18th Park Board Meeting by Community Development Director, Erin Chambers. She presented a packet that spelled out the Rules of Procedure/ By-Laws that have been adopted by other boards and commissions throughout the city. This topic was not an action item in the September Meeting. Park Board did not have any questions.

Motion to adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure/ By-Laws was made by Osby, **seconded** by Miller, vote passed unanimously.

VI. New Business: Humphry shared conversations that she had with a citizen in regards to having the Lundberg name in the official Mini Pitch name in Maytag Park. Humphrey shared that the Lundberg's did almost all of the legwork in regards to the needed fundraising to made this project a reality. Irvin asked to share a thought on the matter, and recommended that the Parks Board's proposal state the Lundberg name be mentioned in the title and not recommend anything specific, as it is ultimately the city council's decision.

Motion by Miller to propose that when the official title/ name of the Mini Pitch is discussed by City Council, that the Lundberg family name be included, **seconded** by Osby, motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business: None

Motion by Miller to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Osby. **Voice vote**, approved 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08p.m.

Splash Pad Rules

- To activate splash pad push the sensor located at the edge of the splash pad floor.
- Running and rough play are prohibited.
- There is no on-site facility supervisor or lifeguard.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- During inclement weather, the splash pad may be closed.
- Shoes are allowed and strongly encouraged especially on very hot days.
- No food, beverages or glass containers are allowed.
- No smoking or vaping products allowed in parks.
- No soap, shampoos or other outside materials allowed.
- No rollerblades, skateboards, bikes, or scooters allowed.
- No pets allowed.
- IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.