



## **Park Board Meeting Agenda**

***Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - 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:
- III. Goal Setting
- IV. Adjourn

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

# Minutes of Meeting Newton Park Board February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A quorum being present, Chair Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m.

**I.ROLL CALL:** Board members present: Tipton, Daniels, Humphrey, Osby

Board members absent: Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Cummins, Parks Operations Superintendent

**II. Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting from February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were reviewed. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Daniels, **seconded** by Tipton. **Role call vote**, approved 3-0.

### III. Citizen Participation

#### IV. Old Business:

**A.** Cummins provided an update on the Splash Pad Fencing. Staff has planted ornamental grasses as well as installed landscape blocks to provide a perimeter barrier, as well as provide additional seating.

#### VI. New Business

- A. City-wide Playground Inspection- Cummins informed the board of a playground inspection that was done by an outside firm, to provide a professional report indication the overall condition and budget replacement cost of our playgrounds. This will be a valuable budgeting tool moving forward.
- B. Cardinal Pond Fishing Pier, Parking, and Hike & Bike Trail Extension- Cummins provided an update indication that staff is working on a proposed layout of new features in the Cardinal Pond area. With the \$125,000 REAP grant award, planning has begun to install an ADA fishing pier and start the process of phasing in parking, and hike & bike trail features.
- C. Introduction to Park Board Goal Setting FY26-27- Cummins provided and updated list of potential project from which to select goals to provide to the Newton City Council.. These items will be voted on during the July Park Board Meeting. Board members were instructed to email any additional items to staff prior to July 7<sup>th</sup> to have them added to the list.

#### V. Park Updates from Staff

**A.** Cummins gave an update on the final stages of the Westwood Clubhouse project and upcoming Ribbon Cutting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, at Noon.

**B.** Cummins updated the board on Maytag Pool closer due to broken glass, and schedule for re-opening.

**C.** Cummins informed the board that staff was in the process of researching potential additional cameras throughout the park system.

**Motion** by Daniels to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Tipton. **Voice vote**, approved 3-0.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:59p.m.

**Park Board Goal Setting Proposed List  
June, 202**

**Larger Projects**

- Splash Pad Restroom Building/ Rec Space
- Add Inclusive Playground
- Sunset Park Improvements (Walking trail, parking improvements, playground, etc)
- Skate Park at Aurora Park
- Addition of 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
- Dredge Westwood Golf Course Pond
- ADA Improvements Throughout Parks
- Paving of Parking Lots at Agnus Patterson Park

**Smaller Projects**

- Complete Basketball Hoop Update Throughout Park System (8 remaining)
- Laser Grade Ball Diamond Infields
- Tennis Parking Improvements
- Park Tree Removal Project
- Improve/ Add Cardinal Pond Amenities (Trail loop, seating, 2<sup>nd</sup> dock, etc)
- Additional Security Camera Coverage in Parks
- Paint Maytag Bowl