

Minutes of Meeting Newton Park Board September 17th, 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

Board members absent: Osby, Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Cummins, Parks Operations Superintendent

II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting from July 16th, 2025 were reviewed. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Tipton, **seconded** by Daniels. **Role call vote**, approved 3-0.

III. Year End Rec Review: Park Operations Superintendent shared and reviewed a document that was provided by the Parks Recreation Specialist, Liz Ventling. This included events such as, Zumba at Maytag Park, Senior Walks, the Dinosaur Stomp, Halloween Themed Kids Art Camp, Pumpkin Personalities Scavenger Hunt, Trunk or Treat, and a scheduled Festive Floral Arranging Class.

IV. Upcoming Holiday Events in Parks: Park Operations Superintendent shared and reviewed an informational flier that was put together by Park Operations Superintendent, Jamie Murphy. This included information about the upcoming schedule and plans for the Maytag Park Trunk or Treat and the schedule of happenings around the Maytag Park Holiday Lights.

V. Project Updates: Parks Operations Superintendent shared updates regarding the following Park Projects:

1) Tennis Courts: Cummins shared that through some of the challenges that have surfaced during the construction, the contractors are making progress. A large portion of the project will be completed in this calendar year, with minor work to be completed in the spring of 2026.

2) Westwood Clubhouse: Cummins shared that the patrons of the Westwood Golf Clubhouse have expressed great reviews of the facility. Patio construction is ongoing with the favorable weather. City staff is hopeful that the Open Air Shelter could potentially be constructed yet this calendar year.

3) Agnus Patterson Restrooms: North Restroom/ Concession building (NASA Soccer): Cummins shared that the restrooms in this particular building have had all new stall dividers installed as well as updates to many of the plumbing features. This is part of an ongoing bathroom/ shelter upgrade initiative that is ongoing throughout the Parks' system.

4) Tree Projects: Cummins shared information regarding a tree removal project has been awarded to take down dead/ dying trees that pose a hazard to the community. These are located in Maytag Park, Woodland Park, as well as Newton Union Cemetery. City staff received very favorable bids on these projects and is looking to expand into other areas, such as Westwood Golf Course.

5) Agnus Patterson Trail Repairs: Cummins shared that staff hired a contractor to repair four different sections of hike/ bike trail throughout the park. Improvements to water flow and drainage in these areas was also addressed.

VI. New/ Old Business: None

VII. Adjourn: Humphrey accepted a motion to adjourn by Daniels, was seconded by Tipton. Role call vote, approved 3-0.