



## **Park Board Meeting Agenda**

***Monday, February 9, 2026 - 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. Harmony Park Projects
- IV. Eagle Scout Project
- V. New/ Old Business
- VI. Adjourn

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

## **Minutes of Meeting Newton Park Board November 9<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

Board members absent: Osby, Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Cummins, Parks Operations Superintendent  
Jamie Murphy, Parks Operations Assistant Superintendent

**II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting from September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were reviewed. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Tipton, **seconded** by Daniels. **Roll call vote**, approved 3-0.

**III 2026 Shelter Rental Fees :** Park Operations Superintendent, Nick Cummins, made a presentation on behalf of city staff, in regards to the option to adjust the shelter rental fee schedule for 2026. This adjustment would include the eliminated of the early/ late rental option, as well as adjusting the rental fee from \$50 to \$75. From staffs experience and perspective, this change would provide the following benefits:

- Provide a cleaner shelter, especially to the second group that has to follow behind another party. There is not staffing to clean the shelters between parties, especially on the weekends. Renters are instructed to remove trash bags and replace with new ones. Currently afternoon rentals would have trash bags lying around if they are following a morning rental.
- Potential interactions with a party not vacating the shelter and/ or afternoon party showing up early to set up.
- Opportunity for extended party and flexible hours with all day rental.
- A motion for the Newton Park Board to recommend amending the fee schedule to reflect a one day shelter rental option at a fee of \$75, was made by Daniels, seconded by Tipton, Roll Call Vote passed 3-0.

**IV. Upcoming Holiday Events in Parks:** Park Operations Assistant Superintendent, Jamie Murphy shared and reviewed the schedule of happenings around the Maytag Park Holiday Lights. She shared the thought behind closing the park for a period of time before the display would be open to the public. This would hopefully lower the opportunity for vandalism. The disc golf baskets would also be removed to lessen foot traffic in areas throughout the park that could potentially damage light displays. (disc golfers encouraged to play at Woodland Park course). Murphy discussed the 2 nights that Santa is scheduled to make an appearance and take pictures in Maytag Park. (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) The Enchanted Nights was also discussed that is to take place on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. This night will be closed to vehicle traffic. Murphy also put in a plug for the two new locations that lights/ displays have been installed. These are at Harmony and Sersland Parks.

**V. New/ Old Business:** Cummins updated the board as to the beginning of the security camera installation throughout the park system. This project was listed on this year's Park Board goals list. Cummins also notified the board that the Westwood Golf Course "open air" shelter was scheduled to be installed over the winter months, with an installation deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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