

Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2023 – 6:15 pm

**Council Chambers - City Hall
101 W 4th St S
Newton, Iowa**

Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm by Board Chair Humphrey.
- 2) Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance statement read by Board Chair Humphrey – no accommodations requested.
- 3) Roll Call: present - Humphrey, Daniels, Caldwell, Osby and Tipton – Absent: none
- 4) Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law confirmed by Parks Operations Supt. Nick Cummins
- 5) Citizen Participation or Comments: none
- 6) Review and approve minutes from August 15, 2023 Park Board meeting (see attached):
 - a. Motion by Daniels & seconded by Caldwell to approve said minutes. No discussion.
Motion carried 5-0.
- 7) Soccer Mini Pitch Discussion – local citizen and project supporter Brett Lundberg, Ben Brackett w/Kick It Forward, and Jenna Sullivan w/Musco Lighting made a presentation on this proposed project idea.
Key points included:
 - a. Proposing a 75' x 45' pitch in Maytag Park
 - b. 30 of these types of pitches are in Iowa, including two in Pella
 - c. Cost is estimated to be \$110,000; with the goal of no cost to be paid by the City
 - d. Staff intends to explore this idea and bring it back to the Park Board for consideration to support this project.
- 8) Holiday Lights Update – Parks Operations Assistant Superintendent Jamie Murphy gave the board a brief update on the upcoming Holiday Lights at Maytag Park.
 - a. The Maytag Park Holiday Lights Walk Through will occur on November 24, 2023, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.
 - b. The Maytag Park Holiday Lights Grand Opening will occur on November 25, from 6 - 8 p.m.
 - c. The display will be open from November 25 through January 1, from 6 p.m. (dusk) - 10 p.m.
- 9) Westwood Golf Events during 2024 Construction – Nick Cummins shared the following concerning the City's plan to host golf events at Westwood during the planned clubhouse construction in the 2024 season:

Park Board Chair – Melanie Humphrey

Park Board Members – Miranda Caldwell, Collin Daniels, Jeff Osby, & Rachelle Tipton.

- a. Event size will be capped at what we can accommodate with the golf cars owned by the City, holding back 1 or 2 golf cars for spares. We will not rent or arrange for outside golf cars in 2024 for any event. If some players use their own carts, the maximum number of participants will not change. Brad will make this determination of maximum participants, with no exceptions granted.
- b. Parking may be limited or different at times, so we will not guarantee available on-site parking. Event organizers will need to promote carpooling, or shuttle participants in, if needed, at their own cost. No event parking will be allowed along County Hwy. F-48.
- c. Beverage and concessions options may be limited to a few choices only, with no guarantee of a full bar. As always, no outside beer, alcohol, or wine will be permitted at any time. Staff will make best efforts to provide a beverage cart w/credit card capabilities on the course during events.
- d. Only normal or usual events will be booked, with staff reserving the right to reject booking of any new or additional events in 2024.
- e. Restroom facilities will be limited to on-site pit toilets and porta-potties only. No guarantees that flushable, indoor restroom facilities will be available during 2024.
- f. No patio area will be available, and large event tents will not be provided or allowed. Staff will make this determination on smaller tents and picnic tables, as space will be limited due to the adjacent construction area.
- g. Rules and accommodations may change throughout the summer as the project progresses, including additional possible restrictions not known at this time.

10) Old Business: none

11) New Business:

- a. Melanie Humphrey inquired as to when the park tennis courts will be resurfaced. Staff planning for this in upcoming Capital Improvement Plan process.
- b. Melanie Humphrey shared that she'd heard of issues at Westwood with people driving golf cars where they shouldn't be. Staff is not

12) Adjourn: motion by Caldwell and seconded by Tipton to adjourn. Motion carried by 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.