



Park Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - 6:15 PM

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law
- IV. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
- V. Citizen Participation or Comments: This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Park Board. After being recognized by the presiding officer, each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak. Park Board members will take comments into consideration. However, this time is not intended for a discussion or entering into a dialogue. Park Board members and City staff will not answer questions or debate a citizen during the Citizen Participation portion of the meeting.
- VI. Welcome new board member and staff
- VII. League contract updates
- VIII. Agnes Trail loop update
- IX. Mini Pitch update
- X. Projects updates
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Adjourn

Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes

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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 Community Services Director Brian Laube
- 5) Citizen Participation or Comments: none
- 6) Review and approve minutes from October 25, 2023 Park Board meeting (see attached):
 - a. Motion by Caldwell & seconded by Tipton to approve said minutes. No discussion.
Motion carried 5-0.
- 7) Soccer Mini Pitch Discussion
 - a. Parks Operations Supt. Nick Cummins briefly recapped last month's presentation by the group looking to install a mini pitch in Maytag Park.
 - i. Low to no cost to the City
 - ii. New amenity in Maytag Park
 - iii. Preferred location would be the existing Maytag Park basketball court
 - iv. Estimated cost to group about \$110,000
 - v. Basketball hoops could be added so Maytag Park would not lose the basketball hoops
 - b. Following this brief presentation a motion was made by Daniels and seconded by Osby to approve a recommendation for the City to support the proposed development of a soccer mini pitch in Maytag Park. Discussion followed:
 - i. Caldwell inquired whether this project would affect the disc golf course, to which Nick Cummins answered that it would have little to no effect on the disc golf course.
 - ii. Osby stated that this project is a great idea and would be a good opportunity to add another amenity to this park.
 - iii. Humphrey asked about the proposed pitch size, to which group supporter Brett Lundberg confirmed that the proposed 75' x 45' pitch is the usual size and this is what they would

Park Board Chair – Melanie Humphrey

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

pursue. Brett then reminded the board that the group's goal is to build this at no cost to the City.

- iv. Caldwell asked should the pitch size be increased, to which staff and Lundberg says there is no need to go larger.
- v. Laube shared that if the recommendation is approved, staff would work with the private group to establish a timeline and plan, then present it to City Council for their input and eventual consideration.

- c. Discussion ended, followed by a 5-0 vote recommending that the City support the proposed development of a soccer mini pitch in Maytag Park

8) Proposed Park Fee Revisions - Community Services Director Brian Laube presented three different segments on proposed fee revisions for 2024. Each segment, which were separated by budgets, were discussed and voted on separately from each other. The three areas were:

a. Westwood Golf Course:

- i. Staff proposed no fee increases for 2024 during the likely clubhouse construction project.
- ii. Humphey inquired about what season membership holders get for extras with their membership, to which Laube stated that these are season passes and not memberships, and that there are no added benefits other than the possible cost savings if one plays a lot of golf at our municipal course.
- iii. Osby suggested considering raising rates for out-of-town golfers, or just those whose driver's license does not list a Newton mailing address.
- iv. Osby continued by stating that we need to raise them somewhat as we are missing revenue.
- v. Minor discussion continued between board members and staff about the idea of non-Newton residents paying more, and the logistics of tracking or instituting that.
- vi. Discussion ended followed by a motion by Osby and seconded by Daniels to recommend a minor fee increase at Westwood for 2024. Said recommendation passed 4-1 with Caldwell casting the only no vote.

b. Maytag Pool:

- i. Laube shared a schedule showing proposed fee increases to most items at the pool, including raising daily admissions to \$6.00, daily fee after 5 pm to \$3.00, single-season pass to \$50.00, and other increases to pool parties and other events.
- ii. After brief minor discussion on this proposal, discussion ended followed by a motion by Caldwell and seconded by Tipton to recommend the fee increases at Maytag Pool for 2024. Said recommendation passed 5-0.

c. Parks:

- i. Laube shared a schedule showing proposed fee increases to numerous park fees including an across-the-board increase to all shelter rentals to \$50.00, a 50% increase in all athletic field rentals, and increases to youth and adult camp fees.

- ii. After brief minor discussion on this proposal, discussion ended followed by a motion by Tipton and seconded by Caldwell to recommend the parks fee increases for 2024. Said recommendation passed 5-0.
- 9) 2023 Parks Recap – Community Services Director Brian Laube shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting 2023 year-to-date pool, parks, and golf information.
- 10) Old Business: Schedule for upcoming Holidays Lights event at Maytag Park shared by Melanie Humphrey.
- 11) New Business:
 - a. Board member Osby asked if the current construction work in Arbor Estates 2nd Addition is affecting Cardinal Pond, to which Laube shared that it is not.
 - b. Laube shared that if there is no December Park Board meeting held, this would be his last Park Board meeting due to his retirement in January.
- 12) Adjourn: motion by Caldwell and seconded by Tipton to adjourn. Motion carried by 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.