

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
September 17, 2025

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 At 5:15 p.m. at the Nevada Field House, 1625 Fawcett Pkwy, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on September 12th, 2025, on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open meeting law.

Deb Parker called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. The roll was called, indicating the following named members present and absent. Present: Mark Cahill, Linda Griffith, Deb Parker, Karen Selby, Lacey Johnson and Tony Sneiderman. Absent: Mark Cahill. Others Present: Rhonda Maier, Sarah Makovec, and Mike Miller.

Motion by Board Member Karen Selby and seconded by Board Member Linda Griffith to approve the agenda. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion, and the roll being called, the following-named Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None.

Motion by Board Member Mark Cahill and seconded by Board Member Tony Sneidermann to approve the consent agenda. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion, and the roll being called, the following Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None

Public Forum:

- No items were brought before the Board.

Old Business:

- A. Update on Splash Pad Project. Continuing to work on finding and applying for grants, JEO has moved to the final design phase.
- B. SRF Project Update. Work continues west of the fairgrounds along the creek through Indian Ridge neighborhood. It should be completed soon. A significant difference has been made, but it will still need a little clean-up. Park and Rec had some complaints from the Story County Fair Board about flooding concerns, but that was due to excess rain, not the project.
- C. Hattery Park Update. We received a concept with all that was requested from the park board but it is outside of our budget for the project this year. Suggest doing it in phases but laying it out to be able to add features. The concept included a 2-5 play structure, a rope tower, stump spiderweb, a small climbing cave structure and a few other smaller nature pieces. Board recommends starting with at a minimum the 2-5 play structure that is currently on sale and also the Rope tower if it fits into the budget. Then, over time, adding additional pieces. We will also redo all the timber, keep the teeter totter, swing set, slide piece and sand digger. In the bathrooms, we plan on replacing some fixtures, look into more lighting, adding a privacy panel in the men's room and repainting them to spruce them up.

New Business:

- A. Consideration for plow purchase. The cemetery needs a new plow. The old plow is 15 years old. We received three quotes from Schuling Hitch Company, Conleys Trucking and Truck Equipment. The staff recommends going with Schuling Hitch Company out of Ames with the Fisher XV2 Stainless plow for \$9,660.60.

Motion by Board Member Tony Sneiderman, Seconded by Board Member Linda Griffith to approve purchasing the Plow from Schuling Hitch Company for \$9,660.60. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion and the roll being called, the following Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None

- B. Billy Sunday Concert Request. Joe Steffes with the Story County Fair Board reached out to once again ask to use Billy Sunday to provide free concerts during the Story County Fair. This was approved last year and all went well and with no problems. This year he would like to have use of it for 3 nights. Any other requirements for the event need to go through Chief Brandes and the City Council.

Motion by Board Member Mark Cahill, Seconded by Board Member Lacey Johnson to approve the Story County Fair Board using Billy Sunday Field to provide free concerts for 3 nights during the fair. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion and the roll being called, the following Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneidermann. All Nay: None

- C. Review quote for Pool Filter Replacement. Over the summer, one of the Sand Filters developed a stress crack. With the pool being 25 years old, the current filter is obsolete and unfortunately, the tank cannot be repaired. We survived last summer on three filters. The pool will not be able to open if this filter is not replaced. Rhonda reached out to 3 companies, hearing back from Carrico Aquatic Resources and ACCO Unlimited. Carrico came in with the lowest bid at \$51,255. Staff recommends going with Carrico.

Motion by Board Member Lacey Johnson, seconded by Board Member Karen Selby, to approve having Carrico Aquatic Resources, Inc., with the bid of \$51,255 to replace the filter. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion and the roll being called, the following Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneidermann. All Nay: None

- D. Review quote for Media and Lateral Replacement. With the pool being 25 years old and the failure of one filter, a filter inspection and replacement of laterals and media should be completed on the other 3 filters. Both companies, ACCO and Carrico, strongly encourage this.

Motion by Board Member Lacey Johnson, Seconded by Board Member Mark Cahill to approve having Carrico Aquatic Resources, Inc. perform a filter inspection and replace the media and lateral for \$19,853.. After due consideration and discussion, the Chair put the question upon the motion and the roll being called, the following Board Members voted Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None

Staff Reports

Rhonda Maier: Lots of good changes have been happening with parks and recreation. Jayson Kingsbury has been hired and has started as Assistant Director and will be overseeing the Parks side along with the cemetery. Zach Anderson has moved over to the Recreation side and will be working with programs and facilities. Angela Johnson has been hired as a permanent part-time she is doing a little of everything. Wyatt Toot to has been hired full-time as a parks laborer. Having more staff has been great for getting things done city-wide and completing some projects. Pizza Pie Looza is moving to SCORE and we will be working with them on logistics for the event. We are hosting a softball tournament at the 4plex during that weekend. Working on getting a plan for Harrington park to finalize dog park location, trails and additions to disc golf holes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board member Lacey Johnson and seconded by Karen Selby to adjourn. The Roll being called, the following Board members voted. Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker, Selby and Sneiderman. All Nay: None. Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried and at 6:32 the meeting adjourned.

Deb Parker, Chairperson

Attest:

Sarah Makovec, Secretary