

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

August 19, 2026

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 2026

At 5:15 p.m. at Nevada Field House, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on August 14, 2026, on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open meeting law.

Deb Parker called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The roll was called, indicating the following named members present and absent. Present: Mark Cahill, Linda Griffith, Lacey Johnson, Deb Parker and Mike Miller. Absent: Tony Sneiderman. Others Present: Rhonda Maier, Ryan Condon, Kenzie Alderson and Sarah Makovec.

Motion by Board Member Lacey Johnson and seconded by Board Member Mark Cahill 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 and Miller. Nay: None.

Motion by Board Member Mike Miller and seconded by Board Member Linda Griffith 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 and Miller. Nay: None.

Public Forum:

- No items were brought before the Board.

Old Business:

A. Harrington Park fundraising discussion. Lucas, Lacey, Marlys and Rhonda met to begin initial planning for the Harrington Park capital campaign. The campaign will be kicking off during Lincoln Highway Day's.

B. Discussion of Playground equipment for the aquatic center. We received proposals from 7 different companies for playground equipment to replace the sand play area. We narrowed it down to 3 designs. The board had consensus to move forward with working on the Option #3 design from Fry and Associates. We will continue to work on colors and features to bring back to the board.

New Business:

A. Discussion of Field Rental Fees for practices at the outdoor fields. We currently only have a fee for tournament use of our Baseball/Softball fields, we have had requests to use our fields from various clubs and tournament teams. We propose a fee of \$50 per field for a 4 hour block of time.

Motion by Board Member Lacey Johnson seconded by Board Member Mike Miller, to approve having a set fee of \$50 per field for 4 hour block of time for practice only on the Outdoor Fields. 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 and Miller. Nay: None.

B. Discussion of annual Cemetery Tractor Lease. The cemetery leases a tractor on a yearly basis. Lease pricing was requested from Van Wall, Bobcat of Ames, and Vettors. Van Wall is the only company that can provide a yearly lease option. Van Wall kept their yearly lease price at \$4000. The Board was in consensus to stay with Van Wall.

C. Discussion of Elevated tee box on at Harrington Park for the Disc Golf on hole #10. Matt Davis and the Frisbee Golf Community would like to add an elevated tee box to hole #10. Initial plans are for a wood deck measuring 12' x 6' and 3' tall. Volunteers would construct this. Staff

is checking with the City's insurance company and building officials regarding building code railing and guardrail requirements. The board is in consensus that if the specifications meet code and insurance standards, they are in favor of having the Frisbee Golf Community build the tee box.

- D. Lacey would like to set up a booth at Lincoln Highway days to kick off the Capital Campaign for the Fundraising of Harrington Park. The board was in consensus that she is able to do that on City Property, if necessary.

Staff Reports

Rhonda Maier: Staff met with Story County Conservation regarding Nevada's trail system and what we could do to expand the trail outside of Nevada. They indicated we need to work on improving the trail from Nevada to Ames. They also indicated the importance of a trail hub for information. Rhonda shared information about Paula's Pedals initiative and the SRF project.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board member Mark Cahill and seconded by Mike Miller to adjourn. The Roll being called, the following Board members voted. Aye: Cahill, Griffith, Johnson, Parker and Miller. Nay: None.

Deb Parker, Chairperson

Attest:

Sarah Makovec, Secretary

