

Parks and Lands Board

2/26/25

Committee: Bob Wiederrick, Penny Thayer, Lamar Waters

Staff: Brian Yeager, Amy Bain

Called to order: 5:05 pm

Public Comment: Amy let the board know that there were three people interested in filling the two vacant seats on the board, and City Council would be deciding on it in March. All three people were in attendance and introduced themselves.

Approve meeting minutes from January: Lamar made a motion to approve the minutes. Penny seconds. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATES FROM BRIAN:

Brian gave updates on the legal agreement of the boundary dispute at Curtis Park. Part of the agreement is that the neighbor will pay the City for the value of the property, and it should be wrapped up soon. Penny asked if the money could go directly to use at Curtis Park, in which Brian said it would have to go into the Capitol City Fund. Once the agreement is finalized, we can discuss taking down the broken fence and the barbed wire fencing.

Amy is waiting for an estimate back on removing the old existing swing set and installing the new one. The estimate will also include installing a new swing set at Old Cutters.

Brian also gave a quick overview of the Bullion Promenade, the Parks budget, and the stage at Hop Porters Park. Amy will be working on a fundraising plan for the stage roof. Bob mentioned applying for a grant from the Wood River Women's Foundation in 2026. Penny suggested a "round up your change" fundraiser at local stores.

OLD BUSINESS:

SKATE PARK:

Bob hasn't had time to get any prices yet, but would like to put them up close to the ice rink or the west end so skaters can skate into it. Brian would like to see an aerial view of the locations. Lamar said we have someone to donate money towards the shade structures and to update the donor sign at Hop Porter Park.

Brian talked about the condition of the concrete at the Skate Park, some thoughts on fixing it, and the costs involved.

Lamar told the board that this year is the 20th anniversary of the park and would like to do some sort of event at the park. Everyone liked that idea and it will be talked about more in a future meeting.

The next meet meeting will be March 26, 2025

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:12 PM

Special note: The online meeting information was different from the meeting information on the printed agendas. Staff logged into both meetings and had only one person join by way of the online information.

