STEWARTVILLE PARK BOARD
Meeting of June 8, 2026
City Hall - 6:00 PM

Minutes

I. Call to Order - Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Beyer at 5:56 PM.

Board Members Beyer, Grabau, Amos, and Councilperson Oeltjen were present. Also present were Public Works Director Hale and Community Development Coordinator Gehling.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Matters listed below in this "Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine for the Park Board and shall be approved by one motion. If further discussion is desired regarding any item, it may be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

A. Park Board May 11, 2026 Minutes
B. Park Board June 8, 2026 Agenda

Motion made by Grabau, seconded by Amos to approve the consent agenda. Unanimously approved.

III. Financial Update – Gehling provided a year-to-date financial update, noting that $63,079 has been spent to date, allocated to the Florence Park Pier and Meadow Park South Hockey Rink improvement projects. Approximately $66,000 remains in the current year's budget. Gehling also mentioned remaining 2026 expenses, the Rolling Ridge Park bathroom, shelter, and path, noting that these projects are expected to utilize the remaining budgeted funds.

IV. New Business

A. National Fitness Campaign Discussion – Gehling provided an update on a potential partnership with the National Fitness Campaign to install an outdoor fitness area in a city park. Estimated costs range from $160,000 to $270,000, with potential grant funding of $30,000 to $60,000 available. The Board reviewed informational materials and discussed considerations including year-round usability, community size, and prioritizing maintenance of existing park assets versus adding new amenities. The Board indicated that similar concepts in a sheltered or indoor setting would be more favorably considered in the future.

V. Old Business

A. Dog Park Shelter Updates – Hale updated the Board that insurance reimbursement would not be provided until a replacement structure is installed. The Board discussed options for replacing the damaged shelter, including a permanent, more expensive, structure versus another carport. The Board decided to proceed with installing a replacement carport for now, with the Board covering any additional costs not covered by insurance.

B. Bear Cave Park Disk Golf Shelter – Beyer noted that it may be some time before UTI/Mortenson identifies community projects to support, and recommended moving forward with plans to fund a new shelter independently. It was noted that future projects will continue to provide opportunities for future partnership with them. The Board directed Hale to obtain bids for a 20x20 shelter and present them at the next meeting.

C. Rolling Ridge Park Bathrooms/Shelter/Path – Hale informed the Board that Council approved moving forward with obtaining bids for the new path project. He will proceed with securing bids and noted that Public Works may begin site preparation for asphalt when workload allows. Hale also presented the initial bathroom and shelter design received from Nicole Pierson. The Board reviewed and supported the concept, and Hale will await the final design before obtaining construction bids.

Motion made by Amos, seconded by Grabau to approve the design. Unanimously approved.

D. Meadow Park Hockey Rink Improvement/Pickleball Nets – Hale reported that the project is nearing completion, with asphalt poured, pickleball lines painted, hockey rink walls reinstalled, and pickleball nets ordered. Final completion is expected upon delivery and installation of the nets. The Board expressed appreciation to the pickleball group for covering the cost of the new nets.

E. Five Year Capital Plan Review/Budget – Beyer reviewed the five-year capital plan and facilitated discussion on future capital projects and project timelines. The Board discussed reallocating capital funds into designated project line items to reflect planned expenditures. Gehling will work with Finance Officer Kelly to allocate funds toward projects including Bear Cave Park ball field lighting, future trail additions and replacements, a disc golf shelter, and Brin & Florence Park improvements. Gehling will also present an updated five-year capital plan with proposed allocation amounts at the next meeting.

VI. Open Mic – N/A

VII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Motion made by Amos, seconded by Grabau to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Gehling, Community Development Coordinator