

STEWARTVILLE PARK BOARD
Meeting of August 17, 2026
Florence Park - 6:00 PM

Minutes

I. Call to Order - Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Grabau at 6:04 PM.

Board Members Beyer, Grabau, Amos, Lonien, 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 July 13, 2026 Minutes
- B. Park Board August 17, 2026 Agenda

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

III. Financial Update – Gehling presented the Board with the year-to-date financials. Board discussion took place on completed projects and scheduled projects for the remainder of the year.

Motion made by Lonien, Seconded by Grabau to approve the financials. Unanimously approved.

IV. New Business

- A. Florence Park Walk Through - The Board conducted a walk-through of the park, making observations regarding the condition of the playground equipment, shelters, trails, pond, benches, and picnic tables. Discussion took place regarding replacing playground equipment as it fails or as needed versus planning for a completely new playground set. The Board also discussed missing shingles on the outdoor shelter and the steep decline on the trail coming off the bridge into the park. The Board directed Hale to replace the missing shingles and develop a plan to re-grade the trail coming off the bridge to create a more gradual slope
- B. E-bikes, E-scooters, ATV's, etc. in Parks/Trails Discussion - Beyer discussed the increasing use of ATVs, e-bikes, and e-scooters on City trails and in parks, with concerns regarding speed and the safety of park and trail users. Gehling shared information received from the Sheriff's Office regarding the use of ATVs and motorized bikes on bike paths and in City parks, as well as information on reporting violations. The Board also discussed upcoming guidance from the County regarding e-bike and e-scooter regulations. The Board agreed to wait for additional information before taking further action.

V. Old Business

- A. SMIF Small Town Grant Update - Gehling updated the Board that the SMIF Small Town Grant application was submitted for disc golf course improvements at Bear Cave Park. Gehling noted that letters of support were received from Community Education and the Chamber of Commerce. The Board was informed that grant results are expected in October. If awarded, the project will have one calendar year for completion. If the grant is not awarded, the city will proceed with the planned shelter purchase in October and continue with the previously approved shelter plan.
- B. Dog Park Shelter Update – Hale updated the Board that the carport at the dog park has been installed and that insurance proceeds were received to cover the cost. The project is now complete.

- C. Rolling Ridge Park Bathrooms/Shelter/Path Updates – Hale updated the Board that the path has been paved and is complete. Hale also explained that a few changes are still needed to the bathroom and shelter plans. Once the updated plans are received, the city will proceed with obtaining bids.

VI. Open Mic – N/A

VII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Gehling, Community Development Coordinator