

STEWARTVILLE PARK BOARD
Meeting of September 14, 2026
City Hall - 6:00 PM

Minutes

- I. Call to Order - Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order by Beyer at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Beyer, 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 August 17, 2026 Minutes
- B. Park Board September 14, 2026 Agenda

Motion made by Lonien, seconded by Councilperson Oeltjen to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the Meadow Park South Hockey Rink Lighting line item. Unanimously approved.

- III. Financial Update** – Beyer provided an update on year-to-date expenses and the remaining funds in the capital account. A short Board discussion occurred regarding payments made to date.

- IV. New Business**

- A. Meadow Park North Walk-Through – The walk-through was not conducted due to rainy weather and the meeting being relocated to City Hall.

- B. Meadow Park North Playground Trail Connection Discussion – Hale and Gehling presented potential trail paths at Meadow Park North that would connect the existing trail system to the gravel parking lot, and the parking lot to the park shelter and playground. The Board discussed having the trail connection from the existing trail system to the parking lot run adjacent to the restrooms on the west side. Gehling also suggested exploring a similar trail connection at Brin Park, as both parks currently lack trail connections to the park amenities. Hale presented a potential trail path at Brin Park. The Board discussed relocating the bench on the southwest side of the playground near the proposed trail. The Board instructed Hale to have Public Works install rock paths at Meadow Park North and Brin Park, with the possibility of paving the paths next year or when funds allow.

Motion made by Lonien, seconded by Councilperson Oeltjen to complete trail connections at Meadow Park North and Brin Park. Unanimously approved.

- C. Bear Cave Park Amphitheater Parking Lot/Road Paving Discussion - Hale presented rough cost estimates for paving the Bear Cave Park Amphitheater Road, Amphitheater parking lot, band parking area south of the Amphitheater, north disc golf parking lot, and the east parking lot near the basketball, pickleball, and tennis area. Gehling stated that, from the City's standpoint, it would be preferable to pave all areas south of 10th Street at the same time rather than completing the work in phases. This would help avoid having areas with different pavement ages and reduce future maintenance concerns. Following Board discussion, the item was tabled until the November meeting, when all Board members are expected to be present for further discussion.
- D. Meadow Park South Hockey Rink Lighting – Hale explained that he received a bid from Boe Electric to install a light switch on the center east pole next to the rink for pickleball use after dark. Hale explained that the setup would be similar to Bear Cave Park, allowing users to turn on the lights after dark, with the lights programmed to shut off at 10:00 p.m. when the park closes. During the winter, the lights will continue to be controlled from the warming house. Hale explained that pickleball users currently need to be provided a key to the warming house in order to control the lights. Installing the switch on the pole would provide equal access to the lighting for users of the facilities after dark.

Motion made by Lonien, seconded by Councilperson Oeltjen to approve Boe Electric's bid in the amount of \$2,435 to install the light switch.

V. Old Business

- A. Florence Park Trail Update - Hale explained to the Board that Public Works removed the pavement from the trail coming off the bridge into Florence Park due to the current grade of the trail and safety concerns. Hale explained that the slope will be reduced and the trail will be repaved when other paving work is being completed in the city.
- B. Rolling Ridge Park Bathroom/Shelter Update - Hale explained that the bid-ready design for the shelter and bathroom project has been received and that he will begin collecting bids for the project starting next week.

VI. Open Mic – N/A

VII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Gehling, Community Development Coordinator.