

Attendance: Irv Arnold, Keri Do, Bruce Bestul, Randy Price, Tyler Fox, Natalie Rider, Nick Goranson, Steve Harants
Audience: Alison Adams, Jeremy Goldy, Nathan Hooley, Kristen Vowles

PARK BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Location: **New Haven Community Center**

1. Call to Order

Irv Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices
- Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the April 7, 2025, minutes. Keri Do seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

Bruce Bestul presented the May 5, 2025, claims as follows:

Monthly Claims	\$	24,477.94
4/9 Payroll		21,281.42
4/24 Payroll		29,968.40
Utility Bills		1459.41
Utility Bills		964.45
Utility Bills		441.62
Western Finance		1,721.07

Total \$ 80,314.31

Director Goranson explained a few of the claims.

Keri Do second the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Hires Approval:

Director Goranson asked for approval to rehire the following people as Seasonal Staff that are listed on the handout and will be included in the minutes. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the list of Seasonal staff to be hired. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Concrete Work at the Farm:

Director Goranson explained we have 2 bids for the concrete work at the farm. Crystal Creek for removal and replacement at \$8880.00. DNM had a quote for \$7000.00 to cap plus \$2000.00 to remove concrete for total of \$9000.00. Discussion followed. The Park Board thinks it is worth getting a 3rd bid for this project. They would like Director Goranson to get this bid, not to exceed \$10,000.00 with a reputable company and make sure they are insured. Bruce Bestul made a motion for Director Goranson to pick a 3rd bid not to exceed \$10,000.00. Randy Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Director Goranson introduced Nathan Hooley, the Planning Director, to the City of New Haven. Nathan explained that Bruce Bestul has been on the Planning Board for some time now and they would like to get a new member of the Parks to serve on the Plan Commission Board. He explained it didn't have to be a Park Board member, but the Park Board would have to approve it. Discussion followed. Bruce Bestul made a motion for Nick Goranson to be the new Plan Commission Board Member. Randy Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Maryland's Farm Project is delayed by a month or so. As the contractor doesn't do his own surveys. He also forgot to put the duck pond in his cost of his bid. This is an additional \$9500.00 cost. Discussion followed. Randy Price suggested that we get the survey, and the pond together and then do one change order.

C. Jury Pool is giving more headaches for maintenance. Pool chemicals for the entire season have been ordered, prepare for that bill. These should be delivered tomorrow. The pool liner is about done, and this will probably be the last year it will last. Next year we will have to do something else.

D. Two separate instances of people wanting one of the Parks trees removed from near their house. Hoping for some direction from Steve. Discussion followed. Steve Harrants said that if it is a healthy tree, we the Parks Department are not responsible.

E. Alison Adams would like to have a fundraising yard sale at the farm on July 5th, the 200th anniversary of the farm. This would bring awareness about the park and the money that was raised would go back to the park.

F. OWL has been purchased and will hopefully be set up for the next Park Board Meeting.

G. Director Goranson introduced Jeremy Goldy with New Haven Softball and said he is here to talk about Havenhurst since Fields of Grace is coming to town. Jeremy stated that he is very involved in Softball and trying to get some interest to help back up the fields, but they need a lot of work to keep them going. They have 130 girls this year. Kristen Vowles is here as well with New Haven Softball and explained that after Fields of Grace is here, they will still need more room to play. And the girls that play at Havenhurst will not be able to afford to play at Fields of Grace. Wildcat and Travel teams use these diamonds as well as New Haven Baseball. The diamonds are busy every night. There are 4 diamonds and one practice diamond. We like Fields of Grace coming, but do not want Recreation ball to go away. We would like to see Havenhurst diamonds get revamped so it can keep going and make it better for the local groups to keep playing on. And I am sure it will get used for overflow for Fields of Grace as well. Director Goranson explained turf infields and outfields is what we could do to cut the maintenance down. The scope is to start moving 2 diamonds around and update the restrooms and astro turf the diamonds. Discussion followed by the Park Board. The Park Board agreed to Director Goranson to get some preliminary numbers. Bruce Bestul made a motion for Director Goranson to get started on getting some preliminary numbers to update the diamonds and restroom at Havenhurst Park. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Goranson stated we are waiting to hear back from the insurance on the Moser concession building. The adjuster that was there was not great. And the building is not fixed but it is nailed up.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Park Department changed banks along with the city and Fire and Police. Wells Fargo moved out and that is who the city had, so we looked at going together for a better interest rate and no service fees when we put all our accounts together. So now we take our cash to the city, and they take all the cash to the bank as one deposit to Lake City Bank on Maysville Road. The pool will have a drop box outside the city for them to drop money bag after hours.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tyler stated his staff is trying to keep up the mowing, but he is short staffed. We had to let go a fulltime employee in maintenance a couple of weeks ago.

The pool liner at Jury is ten times worse this year and might be the last year for it.
May 23rd is the Board of Health inspection date for Jury pool.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Irv Arnold questioned how the YMCA was doing. Director Goranson stated that it seems well as they seem to be busy.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Alison Adams asked if the cement work could be done quickly. And some trees need to be removed as well.

ADJOURNMENT

- Bruce Bestul made a motion to adjourn. Keri Do seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Attested by:



Signed by:

