

Attendance: Irv Arnold, Keri Do, Bruce Bestul, Randy Price, Tonya Faupel, Nick Goranson, Natalie Rider, Tyler Fox, Shelia Berning, Steve Harants

Audience: Alison Adams, Jack Breman, Stacey McDaniel, Sandy Bennett, April Clifton

# New Haven Park Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 7, 2025

Time: 6 pm

Location: New Haven Community Center  
7500 S.R. 930 East  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46803

## 1. Call to Order

Irv Arnold called the meeting to order at 6pm

- a. Please silence all Electronic Devices
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the agenda. Tonya Faupel seconded. Motion carried.

## 3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

- a. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025, minutes. Keri Do seconded. Motion carried.

## 4. Approval of Claims

- a. Bruce Bestul presented July 7, 2025, claims as follows:

Monthly Claims:	\$136,450.10
6/5 Payroll & Utilities:	29,536.31
6/5 Western Equipment Finance (Mower Lease) & US Bank (Pool Lease)	169,221.07
6/11 Utilities	5,397.69
6/18 Payroll & Utilities	64,193.20
6/24 Utilities	4,183.31
Utilities	143.34
First Source Bank	
Q3 2025 HSA Emp. Contributions	4,374.90
7/2 Payroll & Utilities	65,629.16
7/7 First Bank Credit Card, Western Equip Finance	
US Bank (Park Dist. Bond Payment)	<u>73,170.89</u>

Total: \$552,299.97

Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

5. a. Parks Director's Report: Written report in packet.

- A. Steve Harants said a Resolution needs to be written and approved for the new property lines and trail position at Marylands Farm Park.
- B. Discussed estimates and how to proceed with the Havenhurst Diamond Project. Nick will bring details of grants that may be used for this project to the August Board meeting.
- C. Renovations are prohibitively expensive, and Nick does not see a feasible use for the building as is.
- D. Lights turn off randomly during ball games. We are also unable to rent the pavilion to the public because of this. Nick will bring additional quotes to the next meeting.
- E. This nature area will be beautiful year-round.
- F. We are hoping to hire a new Aquatics Director this season so that we can begin training.

Safe Slide estimate: According to Safe Slide, the slides were not properly repaired. The slides will be safe to use through the end of this season. The warranty from the most current repair expired this year. Bruce made a motion to accept this quote in the amount of \$14,128.00. Keri seconded. The motion carried.

Tonya asked that the Bond Project List be brought to the August meeting. Also reviewed the pool and Community Center expenses so far this year.

b. Parks Assistant Director's Report:

Natalie Rider presented a Conflict-of-Interest Statement for Larry Stemmler. His wife owns 1309 Designs with which the Parks Department does business. Tonya made a motion to accept this statement. Keri seconded. Motion carried.

The M3 starts this Wednesday, 7/9/25 with the Dee Bees playing. Ok Boomer will play 7/16 and Hubie Ashcraft will play 9/23.

Senior activities being sponsored by area nursing homes and other elder aimed businesses include Specialty Bingos, Watermelon Day, Ice Cream Social, and Lunch & Learns. We also have day trips scheduled with Nomadic Excursions and extended trips with Collette Travel. We print a bi-monthly Senior newsletter with the next one coming out the end of July.

Playgrounds will be open through July 25. The pool's last day is August 3. Family pool memberships can be purchased for half price through July.

c. Maintenance Director's Report: Written report in packet.

6. Old Business

a. Bids to tear down old Meadowbrook Pool House

Discussed bids included in packet from Fritch, J&L, and Travis Industries. Nick said that this property would be better used as a playground without the worry of a building that is no longer

useful. Tonya made a motion to accept the Travis Industries bid in the amount of \$12,875. Bruce seconded. Motion carried.

7. New Business

None

8. Public Comments/Board Member Comments/President's Comments

a. Open discussion or comments from the board.

Stacey McDaniel thanked the Board for voting to tear down the Meadowbrook pool house. The Meadowbrook HOA is excited to use this area for a playground. They have raised approximately \$43,000 to that end.

Alison Adams invited the Board members to visit Marylands Farm Park and see all that is happening there.

Tonya appreciates New Haven's section of the River Greenway. She and her daughter use it often. Bruce added that the Parks in the summer is crazy, and he appreciates the staff's efforts. Irv asked about the reason that the leisure pool was closed one day this week. Nick said that it was due to a dirty diaper that required 24 hours to clear.

9. Confirm next meeting Date, Time, and Attendance Availability

a. The next Park Board meeting will be held August 4, 2025, at 6:00pm.

10. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

Keri made a motion to adjourn. Tonya seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Attested by:



Signed by:

