

**Park Board  
November 18, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Al Vorderbrueggen, Don Moore, Blaine Golden, Hillary Hoffman and Al Kirkpatrick: Present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Hoffman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections. All yes.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Pool Update:**

Mayor Retzer explained the pool construction is progressing, with some delays. A lot of the initial work was done by city crews, removing loads of concrete and dirt in preparation for WMS to come start. The construction on the ADA bathroom is also underway.

The contractual deadline for the project is September 28, 2025, but Retzer has communicated to them the pool needs to be open next season.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cherry Alice VanTine was to be here with a couple of legion members to present a proposal for a Veteran's Memorial. They will attend the next Park Board meeting.

Retzer explained the cost will come from the Legion's pockets the city can't pay for a memorial. The legion is looking for a spot like the Codger Park for the location, this gets a lot of traffic passing through at all times.

Pullman is currently placing a big monument for Veteran's behind Wal Mart.

Gary Young will be here for council tonight with someone for a skatepark presentation.

Hammer stated all the money for parks will be going towards the pool this year, nothing will be cut out of the budget but everything extra will be going to the pool.

Hammer stated they have cut off the top of the pool deck, one side was lower and caused overflow on that side of the pool. The baby pool will be left for a future site of a splash pad. The fence around the pool will be expanded to incorporate more area inside the pool for family area.

Kirkpatrick repainted the tennis courts, adding blue lines for pickleball and repainted the white lines for tennis.

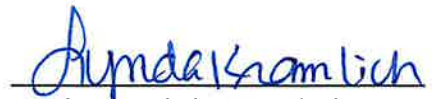
Retzer stated he is still planning on having someone fly a drone over Schmuck Park for mapping of the disc golf course. WSP has sophisticated equipment for precise measurements.

The city received a quote for replacing the overhang at the Schmuck Park picnic shelter, for \$85,000. Larkin stated at this point we may need to remove overhang due to safety.

The city is asking for the 1% property tax increase for the MPD this year again.

Golden asked that next year the park board goes over the budget before the budget workshops for council.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk