PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

1. The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Reifsteck @ 5:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Frank Bowman, Ryan Destache, Violet Hornick, Kim Reifsteck; EXCUSED: Diane Motiff, ALSO present: Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, and 3 observers

3. **Bowman motioned for approval of Agenda; Hornick called second. (4 Ayes)**

4. **Approval of Minutes from 6/10/2026 was called to motion by Destache with a Hornick second. (4 Ayes)**

5. Public Input: Casey Sowle brought up a possible donation of 2 acres on Charles and VanHecke by a couple: the property would need to be cleared: Wusterbarth has investigated the area. How it best could be used… dog park or…. Were it to be used as the latter, lots of issues would need to be implemented with the Council, et al. The DNR needs to check out the property and determine the zoning as well. Nevertheless, it has potential.

6. Correspondence: Wusterbarth **Parks updates with Committee additions**

i. Copper Culture/Hornick– Contract negotiation with the Mike Duke of the DNR is ahead: it would need @ least $20,000 for the City to continue maintenance and meet costs and labor. The state was to update the bathrooms this year… which has not happened. The pavilion out there can be rented.

Hornick presented a proposal, in writing, concerning an area to be used as a dog park: she had located the donation of a waste station. Existing signage which must be implemented was also discussed.

ii. Sharp Park/Reifsteck– Repainting of the skateboard park, playground equipment has again been cleaned, and elimination of trees remains in process. We are looking for reasonable mulch. (Goats are still an option.)

iii. City Park and Campground/Destache– Equipment/toys have been cleaned again. (There was some toy damage.) Bathrooms and beach are kept up daily. New umbrellas have been added by Dee Donlevy. Shelter rental continues. There has been a little extra pickup on the campground. Driving the path in the opposite direction is still under consideration with public experimentation and approval. Destache noted the stove handle not working, and a repair job. Rocks on the beach were once again discussed.

iv. Holtwood/Bowman– Activity is winding down. The old pool electrical work has been pulled from the shed which will now be used as storage. **ATV's** can cause danger in the park: citizens need to drop off and then **park them**: kids move quickly. Bowman spoke of destruction of a porta potty and the remarkable tournament cleanup. An expansion of the existing launch area north of the diamonds is in the future. Another kayak launch is potential: we have 3 kayaks for rental. An entertainment center is also in the future near the campground area.

v. Bond Park/City Docs/Motiff– Pressure washed equipment-

vi. Freedom Park/All– No addition.

The Committee remarked on our outstanding park maintenance which Jeremy credited to his staff.

7. **Approval of Accounts Payable from June 5, 2026 to August 5, 2026 in the amount of: Parks $18,744.96, Holtwood Campground $23,287.51 was moved to motion by Reifsteck with a Hornick second. (M/C)**

Reifsteck noted Wusterbarth's purchase of a tandem bike, the 2nd, for rentals. Also noted was that more operational supplies are used with the tournament weekend.

8. Revenue & Expenditures Guidelines from 2026 & Revenue and Expenditure Histories were submitted within the Committee packets and found to be appropriately up-to-date.

9. **Next Meeting Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 16 @ 5:30 p.m.

10. **Bowman submitted adjournment @ 6:43 p.m. Hornick witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by

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