PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 @ 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

1. The September meeting was called to order by Chairman Reifsteck.
2. Roll Call: Frank Bowman, Ryan Destache, Violet Hornck, Kim Reifsteck; also present: Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth
3. **Hornick motioned for approval of Agenda; Bowman called second. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Minutes from 8/12/2026 was placed in motion by Hornick with a Destache second.(4 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: Council made an approval of Greg Zoeller as the new member of the *Parks and Recreation Committee*. Wusterbarth will report @ the next meeting the # of years of dedication by Diane Motiff.

6. Correspondence: **PARKS UPDATES**

i. *Copper Culture* – Violet Wusterbarth stated that the DNR has slowed down bathroom renewal although it is still anticipated.

ii. *Sharp Park* – Kim requested, in the name of citizens, if there would be an ice skating rink behind the pickleball court this year: Wusterbarth stated that it is possible in winter 2027.

iii. *City Park* – Ryan - Dee Donlevy has donated and maintained umbrellas, etc. to the beach property. Winterization was discussed and preparation for the ice fishermen.

iv. *Holtwood* – Frank stated that the 'sign of events' works well out there. Wusterbarth noted that a couple softball games will still be held. He also stated that the Campground is in its "buy 1, get 1" phase and that by October 31st seasonals will leave and winterization will begin.

v. *Bond Park/City Docks* – Greg Wusterbarth stated that it needs the most maintenance, but is in good shape, says Greg. Wusterbarth also thought there would likely be profit ahead. **The Parks and Rec.Committee commended our City crew for the summer of 2026 work.**

7. **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
The 2027 Budget Worksheet was handed out at the meeting. This Comparison Report of 2025/2026/2027 verbally covered **Revenue:** General Budget, Copper Culture State Park (DNR negotiated), Capital Equipment, Holtwood Campground Revenue and Expenses of Parks, Memorial benches and trees.
Expenditures: Training/Networking, Contractual services: Equipment repair, Gas/Diesel, Operational supplies, Insurance, Maintenance of grounds, Street flowers (which are supported by the Chamber of Commerce who is implementing a new watering system)--The Women's Club plants– Recreation, Operational supplies. **Capital account:** toward major expenses. **Holtwood Campground and Campground Expenses**. Public Rental of equipment will be pushed in 2027. An update of office equipment is necessary. *Wusterbarth is in the process of another County Grant to aid our parks.*
Reifsteck issued a motion to send our approved Park and Rec. Committee Budget, as printed and verbally presented, to Council. Hornick witnessed the second. (M/C)

8. **Approval of Accounts Payable from August 6, 2026 to September 8, 2026 in the amount of: Parks $7,443.31, and Holtwood Campground @ $15,570.32, was placed in motion by Hornick and seconded by Bowman. (4 Ayes)**
A few numbers were discussed and easily understood.
9. Revenue & Expenditures Guidelines from 2026 & Revenue and Expenditure Histories were read by Committee members and found to be in order. Wusterbarth stated that we remain over Budget as of yet.
10. **Next Meeting Date/Time:** An **October** meeting will be called **as needed**.
Wednesday, Nov. 11 @ 4:30 p.m.
Agenda Item: Budget finalization, Copper Culture/DNR meeting results, Motiff # of years
11. **Reifsteck summoned adjournment @ 5:25 p.m. Hornick witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl