

NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

June 25, 2025

MINUTES

The North Manchester Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session at the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center Conference Room. Members present: President Mel Sautter (28) Vice-President Jack Vineyard (29), Rick Espeset (26) and Bobbi Lautzenheiser (27). Also present were Jennifer Hotchkiss (Director) and Linda Miller (Assistant Director).

CALL TO ORDER

President Mel Sautter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 28, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion for approval (BL/JV) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

DIRECTOR REPORT

The Director's Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

MRA REPORT

Jack reported that it's still extremely busy at the MRA with tournaments. He also noted that it has been a trying season with the rain and heat.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS

Claims and Allowance Docket

The June Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$77,072.89 was reviewed. Motion to approve the June Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$77,072.89 (JV/RE) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports

The June Claims Summary, Utility Comparison Report, May Expense Reports and May Revenue Reports were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dog Park

Carrie informed Jennifer that another Harting (a cousin to Xavier) wants to do his Eagle Scout Project at the Dog Park also, possibly benches.

Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Jennifer informed the board that Eads will start moving dirt and removing stumps in the next two weeks. Total raised is approximately \$210,000.00.

American Legion Request for Halderman Park

Jennifer reported that they did reach their \$25,000 goal. They have contacted her about the flag poles and flags. She is unsure of whether the grand opening deadline will still be the second Friday of August. Jennifer has the permit and sign.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Budget

Jennifer gave the board a copy of the proposed 2026 budget. Carrie told her to increase water by 50%. She also increased chemicals, cleaning supplies and insurance. No other major changes/increases were made.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mel Sautter, President

Jack Vineyard, Vice-President

Becky Kreps, Member

Bobbi Lautzenheiser, Member

Rick Espeset, Member