

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

June 2, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Todd Myers and John Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Park Superintendent Mike Bergum, and Mayor's Assistant Kendra Blankenship

Patty opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Dave moved to approve the minutes from May subject to corrections that in the second paragraph of New Business. It should note that the school will be paying for the electric and water bills for the use of the softball fields. Also, the pool opening day should reflect May, 31st. Second by John.

Motion carried (3-1 with Todd abstaining)

NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting stating how well the parks and cemetery looked for Memorial Day. Great job by our city workers.

The basketball tournament scheduled for May was canceled due to lack of interest.

Mike provided an update on the Aquatic Center. The official opening date was Monday, June 2nd. The previous date of May 31st was changed due to the cold weather and pool temperature. There was an attendance of at least 225+ on the first day, which is a great start to the season.

Mike gave the board a proposal for the Baker Park Pickleball Plaza. The courts are now being utilized by patrons but there are still finishing touches that need to be done to complete the project. The lights will be installed soon as the holes are being dug now.

Mike provided the phase 2 enhancement proposal in the following order

- Sidewalks and Concrete Entrance/Pathways-\$15,000-\$20,000
- Landscaping (trees, grass, flower areas) -\$4,000
- Windscreens-\$2,500
- Benches (inside courts)-\$2,500
- Security Systems-\$5,000
- Online Monitor for Court Availability- \$2,500
- Future Shelter Structure- \$20,000
- Pave Current Gravel Parkin Area-\$5,500

Also, looking beyond phase 2, the long-term vision for the Baker Park Pickleball Plaza is both inspiring and community-focused. The key aspiration is the addition of **six more pickleball courts**, bringing the total to ten.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York stated the Baker Park Carnival was a success. The total made was \$6,500. However, the Osborne Park Arch that is being replaced is going to cost \$10,000. The arch has been secured and tuck pointed. It will set on the new structure once it is finished. The Mayor and Mike will have renderings to show the board of what the new arch entry way will look like.

The Mayor stated he is very impressed with how well our parks are enjoyed not only by kids but adults. We have something to offer everyone.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See new business

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 7, 2025.