

Minutes of Meeting
Elkhart Parks and Recreation Board
Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, 6:00pm
Elkhart City Hall

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Staci Klostermann, Stephanie Kaczmarczyk, Brianna Hanke

Others Present: City Administrator Katie Wilson, Mike Kappos, City Council Member Angie Schaffer

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by S. Kaczmarczyk, seconded by Hanke. **Motion carried. 3-0**

4. Approval of July 8th, minutes

Motion to approve the July 8th, 2025 meeting minutes by S. Kaczmarczyk, seconded by Hanke.

Motion carried. 3-0

5. New and Misc Business

A. Open Board Position

- a. Two applications have been received, deadline is Thursday, 9/11

B. Diane Witt, Outdoor Recreation - Splash Pad Systems

- a. Diane presented information regarding a possible splash pad in Elkhart. City Administrator Wilson & the Board asked questions to get a general idea of what we are looking for fundraising, cost, and spacing. There were several projects completed in the nearby cities which were reviewed.

C. Bingo Card Winners & Recap

- a. One submission was made, prize will be picked for the winner & bingo may be re-purposed for the spring/summer 2026

D. September Puzzlepalooza Planning

- a. Three teams have entered so far, the deadline is Sept 17th to enter.

E. Teal Pumpkin Planning

- a. City Deputy Clerk, Marissa Butler, will be handling all trick or treat & teal pumpkin routes this year. Advertisements will begin tomorrow. Houses are welcome to be added to the route until October 20th.

6. Old Business

A. Memorial Ballpark Update

- a. There is an urgent need for number signs on the field. 3 Tee's is currently utilizing the field without rent, City Council should be reviewing the rental agreement next Monday.
- b. Klostermann presented a bunch of possible updates for the Betterment Committee to consider for the ball parks including: additional lights on

poles, new lawn tractor, bleachers, concession stand upgrades, bat boxes, dugout covers, and bunker structures for extra lime. It was noted that children are playing in the lime currently making a mess & the concession stand upgrades can be held off until a later date & can be combined with a larger upgrade project in the future.

B. Fishing Pier Update

- a. V&K has started staking out the areas for the pier.

7. Tabled for Next Meeting

A. Park Maintenance Discussion

- a. It was noted that the tiling at the playground was completed. Mulch just needs to be replaced.

B. Volunteering/Club Debut?

8. Adjourned at 7:16pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by S. Kaczmarczyk, seconded by Hanke.

Next meeting is October 14th, at 6pm.