

**Park Board  
May 19, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Al Vorderbrueggen, Blaine Golden, Hillary Hoffman and Al Kirkpatrick: Present. Don Moore: Absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Vorderbrueggen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended with name change. All yes.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Pool:**

Mayor Retzer updated the progress on the pool, conduit for lights is being installed and gutter system is complete. The plumbing for the showers and sinks inside the bath house is also finished. The temperatures have to be higher for the placement of the liner.

Retzer went on to say as we get closer to completion, we can plan a ribbon cutting for a grand re-opening.

The new ADA bathrooms blend nicely with existing pool house building.

The grass hill will be removed and new fencing will be installed around the pool.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Disc Golf:**

Retzer had a colleague fly the disc golf course with a drone. We hope to use this drone footage to create a map that can be linked to a QR code for users.

**Merry-Go-Round:**

The merry-go-round may have reached the end of its life expectancy. The bearings have worn out, and unfortunately, there isn't a way to repair.

**Skatepark:**

The chamber applied for and received \$27,750 in .09 Funds from Whitman County for the Skatepark Renovations.

**Lawn Mower:**

Hammer reported the lawn mower is down and at Pape for repairs, the estimate to fix came in at \$4,000, a new one runs around \$15,000.

**Pool Fees:**

Golden suggested due to the shortened season, the city waive the pool use fees and then for the 2026. The park board agreed.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Kirkpatrick to waive pool fees for the upcoming 2025 season. All Aye.

**Hotel Motel Funds:**

Palouse Summer Series Director Scott Parrish is applying for hotel/motel funds for McDonald Park. These funds will be used for several necessary facility upgrades at McDonald Park, with the main project being the hiring of a turf professional to level all the fields.

**Swim Team:**

Janni Burt, the past Swim Team Coach handed over her role to her son. Colfax Swim Team will use Garfield pool for practices; they have noticed a drop in attendance due to the increased travel required.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk