Park Board
September 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Al Vorderbrueggen, John Burns, Hillary Hoffman, Al Kirkpatrick and Blaine Golden: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Hoffman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:
Pool Budget:
City Administrator Matt Hammer plans to present a resolution to Council tonight to forgive the Park Fund's loan from the General Fund. MRSC previously advised that loaning the funds for the pool renovations was the proper action, but maintaining this loan restricts the Park Fund for eight years and limits funding for all city parks.

Retzer noted this is the best solution for the pool and expressed appreciation for the high turnout this season, which included many children from surrounding Whitman County towns.

Vorderbrueggen stated that the pool project exceeded expectations and saw heavy use this summer.

A motion was entered by Vorderbrueggen, seconded by Golden to support the resolution for Park Fund loan forgiveness. All Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Hammer reported the balconies on the McDonald Park Clubhouse are failing. He has received two estimates for repair or replacement.
During the discussion, the necessity of the balconies was raised. Kirkpatrick will check with the Parrish's and the broadcasting team to confirm the balconies are actually necessary, or if replacing them with stairs and a landing would be sufficient and more cost-effective.

Hoffman asked if .09 Funds could be used for this.
Retzer stated that could be an option if funds are available.

Matt will speak with the school regarding the shared costs of McDonald Park, although their 2027 budget was finalized in June or July.

Golden asked about the budget and what funds are available.
Finance Director Amanda Link stated the last half of property taxes will still come in as well as the transfer of the MPD money.

Park Board will have a quick meeting September 21st at 6:15 p.m. to discuss Kirkpatrick's findings.

Schmuck Park-
Marwiyah Bordsen sent a formal objection to the Colfax Kiwanis logo that was painted on the exterior wall of the Schmuck Park restrooms, stating public parks and buildings should remain visually neutral and free of private, corporate or non-profit branding.

Hammer stated Bordsen's concern was regarding the sign that was painted on the restrooms after the Kiwanis cleaned and painted them. Hammer spoke with Dustin Dawson, and the group plans to paint the floor in the restrooms and the pavilion for future Kiwanis projects.

Fall Festival-
The Chamber of Commerce scheduled a Fall Festival at Schmuck Park October 4th that will include several activities and an art tour around town.

Butterfly Release-
A butterfly release is scheduled for Saturday September 12th at Schmuck Park.

Hoffman brought up a concern about a crease in the lining on the bottom of the pool. Hammer has WMS coming back to install the sunshades and will speak to them about it then.

Pool Manager Janni Burt did a great job this year and plans to come back next year. Hammer stated Burt is eager to learn the mechanical side of the pool.

Swim lessons and lifeguard training was covered by the Whitman County Public Health Department.

UPCOMING MEETING:
Next meeting will be Monday September 21st at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Lynda Kramlich

Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk