

Utica Parks & Recreation Meeting

Date: 05/18/2026

Start Time: 7:03 PM

Location: Utica Senior Center

Members Present:

Mat Volzke

Randy Steinhausen

Mitch Peeks

Derek Dubas

Dylan Weimer

John Javorsky – Arrived @ 8:08 pm

- In the notes that follow you will see the initials PR. PR is in reference to Parks and Recreation.

Call To Order

Meeting conducted in accordance with the Nebraska opens meeting act.

Approval of Agenda

Randy made motion to approve agenda. Derek seconded. All voting members present voted in favor of approving agenda.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Mitch made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Dylan seconded. All voting members present voted in favor of approving the minutes from last meeting.

Old Business

A. New Pool Awnings

Dylan spoke about current prices from crouch recreation on the awning like what we have now. Members will do more research. No action taken.

B. Review Pool Fees

Discussed fees based on towns of our size and chain of authority for such fees and rates. Park board may want to start discussing fees and options around February. Rentals of the pool were also discussed. No action taken.

Old Business (cont'd)

C. Consider having pool manager attend park and Recreation meetings

Discussion about having pool manager attend. Randy made a motion to ask the village board to direct the pool manager or designated staff to attend PR meetings with a minimum of 1 hour pay from May through August. Mitch seconded. All voting members present voted in favor of motion.

D. Review Pool Documents

Pool water loss meter and sign in sheet were discussed. Randy offered to work with pool manager on sign in sheets.

John Javorsky took over secretarial duties from this point on to the end of the meeting. Thank you Dylan for filling in while John was away.

E. Public Comments

Sharon Powell brought up the question about minimum age requirement to be able to swim at the pool on your own. Discussion followed.

John made a motion to change the age requirement from 7 years old to 10 years old for allowance into the pool alone. In addition, change the age requirement from 6 years old to 9 years old to be accompanied by a 13-year-old into the pool. Dylan seconded. All voting members present voted in favor of motion.

F. Randy stated that at the pool registration there is a sign in/sign out time. Very seldom is it being filled out. If there was to be an emergency and when law enforcement is looking into last known location and time there, that information would be very helpful. Verbiage will be changed to state that all patrons must sign and out.

G. Ball Fields and Park

Batting cage – John and Mitch will work together to get measurements of the Waco batting cages.

H. New bases – everything is installed except the littles on the north field

I. New ball fields, concession and restrooms – no movement on new concession stand. John Javorsky commented that concession stand is on hold for now and will revisit at the end of the season.

J. Utica Days

PR sponsored dinner not happening – already covered.

- K. Ribbon cutting ceremony for new playground – date set around Heritage Days (July 31st – August 2nd)

New Business

- A. Village Board report
Nick Bloebaum no longer a liaison for parks and recreation
- B. UBO will decide at end of the ball season if PR will assume responsibilities for the UBO
- C. Randy asked for baseball schedules to be posted on the PR page
- D. Dylan asked how the part time maintenance field worker is doing. John Javorsky commented that other than a minor mix up, all has been going well.
- E. Matt brought up the topic of hosting a bike rally to help educate the Utica youth (brought to Matt by a concerned citizen). Partner with Seward County extension office (Laurie Hamilton)
- F. Randy quickly went over suggested bylaws. Did not discuss any particulars but would like to discuss at least two pages at the next PR meeting.

Next PR meeting: June 15, 2026 @ 7pm

Dylan made a motion to dismiss. John seconded. All voting members present voted in favor of adjourning. Meeting adjourned @ 9:13 pm