

New Salem Park District Proceedings

NEW SALEM PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AUGUST 10TH 2026

Members Present: Rob Boehm, Keith Fitzgerald, Blaise Olson, Cadee Goetzfridt, Andrea Mathern

Guest: Don Kautzman

Cadée made a motion to approve meeting minutes from previous month. Seconded by Keith

Cadée made a motion to approve July financials. Seconded by Keith

Golf Course

- Simulator rent will be \$800 per month for both simulators. Monthly invoices or automatic payment will be arranged to maintain proper records.

- Upstairs bathrooms and the fire escape are expected to be completed by the end of September. Simulator use is anticipated to begin when the weather changes.

- The irrigation contractor expects to return within approximately two weeks. The goal is to complete most of the project before freeze-up.

Main Street Park

- The water fountain is operating, and no recent vandalism issues were reported.

- A contractor will be contacted to inspect and provide pricing for repairs to the building and bandshell masonry.

Rud Park

- A drinking fountain was quoted at \$8,500, plus approximately \$300-\$400 for installation and the cost of a concrete pad.

- Cadée made a motion to move forward with the fountain and water installation. Second by Blaise. All approved

- Tyrell will be contacted to schedule the water connection and determine whether to install a drinking fountain or yard hydrant. The installation should

accommodate a future sprinkler system.

Swimming Pool

- The pool heater has failed, and the water temperature was approximately 73 degrees.

- Legend Air quoted \$17,530 for replacement. Associated Pool indicated that a larger heater may cost approximately \$5,200, excluding installation.

- Additional pricing and qualified installation options will be obtained from Corey/A-to-Z, Associated Pool, and other licensed contractors. Proper licensing, venting, gas-line requirements, and boiler inspection standards must be confirmed.

- Motion carried to purchase and install a replacement pool heater at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

- The pool will remain open as long as water temperature and weather conditions permit.

North Park/Campground

- Approximately \$1,500 in cash and checks from recent events and camping activity was submitted for deposit.

- The campground is scheduled to close October 31, or earlier if freezing conditions occur.

- Reservations will continue to be blocked manually for large events that are not processed through the online system.

Baseball

- Keith will assume responsibility for the baseball program.

- Bathroom keys are located in the shed near the concession stand and will need to be identified.

- The concession building and storage areas need to be cleaned and inventoried.

- Remaining hamburgers may be donated to the upcoming free-swim and community food event.

- Remaining beverages and

supplies will be inventoried. Refrigerators will be emptied, unplugged, and left open before freezing weather.

Bike/Walking Path

- Andrea reviewed the contractor's proposed repairs. Written clarification is still needed regarding the numbered work areas and the work included at no additional charge.

- The previously approved project limit remains \$25,000. The board should be contacted before approving costs above that amount.

- The city's offer to chip-seal the path was discussed but was not favored because the surface would be unsuitable for bicycles, skateboards, strollers, and similar uses.

Maintenance

- The baseball field, dugouts, concession area, and parking area need mowing and weed control.

- Treatment options will be investigated for suspected kochia or other Roundup-resistant weeds.

- Dugout repairs may be delayed until the timeline for the larger baseball field project is confirmed.

- Yellow and worn grass areas near Main Street Park will be monitored and may receive fertilizer.

- Playground equipment repairs remain outstanding.

Mann Park Complex

- The rink liner has been delivered to Gambles and will be moved to Mann Park.

- A lockbox for the building key was suggested to improve authorized access.

- Winter access and safety concerns were discussed. Options include steel steps, estimated at approximately \$10,000, or modifying the chained access area to provide

a safer walking route. Additional plans and pricing will be obtained.

Pool House Project and Grant

- Updated plans and project-cost information have been received from Trevor and will be used for grant applications.

- The bid information should be revised into one clear total, including the \$75,000 amount, without alternate deductions.

- Lori is working on the grant narrative and submission.

- The status and billing of the land survey will be confirmed

with Trevor or the surveyor.

- The grant application will focus solely on the pool house project rather than the previous multi-use building proposal.

Board Assignments

- Keith will oversee baseball.

- Blaise will take the lead on swimming pool matters, with assistance available as needed.

- Andrea will continue with the bike path and assist jointly with Rud Park.

- Other existing park and volleyball responsibilities will continue.

Budget

- Lori is preparing the budget, which is believed to be due September 10.

- A special meeting may be required to review and approve the budget before submission.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Boehm adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

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