

Town of New Chicago

Parks Board Meeting Agenda

DATE: 1/10/2025

Start Meeting:

Roll Call:

Joe Bachman

Morgan McCabe

Tony Martin

Trilaina Bachman

Dave Anderson (Council Member)

Reorganization:

- **Parks Board President** – Morgan McCabe nominated Joe Bachman. Tony Martin also nominated Joe Bachman. Roll call vote was made. Joe Bachman is now the Parks Board President for 2025.
- **Parks Board Vice President** – Joe Bachman appointed Morgan McCabe as Vice President.
- **Parks Board Secretary** – Joe Bachman appointed Tony Martin as Secretary.

Minutes: None

Ordinance: None

Old Business:

- 55th Anniversary of Twin Oaks Park Celebration
 - Tentative Date: June 28th, 2025 (Rain Date: June 29th, 2025)
 - **Call for Vendors**
 - **Have a booth for history of the park.**
 - **Possibly have the gentleman come to speak.**
 - **Make pamphlets for the booth.**
 - **Possibly get a band/music of some sort**
 - **Cornhole Tournament**

- **Slideshow with the photos in the file cabinet**
- **Serve food from new snack shack if new building available**
 - **Possibly use grills at pavilion to cook hot dogs to sell**
 - **If not, see about food truck(s)**
 - **Invite Heavenly Bites to sell sweet treats.**
- **Ribbon Cutting for new building if it is up and running by then.**
- **Tabled again until next month to continue working on.**
- **Easter 2025**
 - **Easter eggs have been ordered.**
 - **5,000 eggs ordered**
 - **2,500 candy filled**
 - **2,500 toy filled**
 - **Joe to check with Sue about Easter Bunny and Fire Department**
 - **Still need to get prizes and easter basket.**
 - **Possibly use other parking lot as a safe ADA friendly area or rope off part of the parking lot for use.**
 - **More discussion next month on this.**
- **Rummage in the Park – May 2025/September 2025**
 - **May 3rd, 2025 (Rain Date: May 4th, 2025)**
 - **September 6th, 2025 (Rain Date: September 7th, 2025)**
 - **10' x 10' - \$25, 10' x 20' - \$40**

New Business:

- **American Flag**
 - **New flag needed for Twin Oaks Park.**

- Joe to check with Town Hall for a new flag.
- CommuniTree
 - Moving forward with asking for trees for the park.
 - Morgan to look into what trees would be good for the park.
 - Plant some near basketball court for shade.
 - Plant some on west side of garage to help with erosion.
- Legacy Foundation GrantStation Membership
 - Joe is for signing up for GrantStation.
 - Morgan explained more in detail of what we could possibly get for grants from GrantStation.
 - Grants are more geared toward community development than public safety.
 - Joe made the motion to approve signing up for Grant Station. Tony seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Streaming of Parks Board Meetings
 - Live streaming of Parks Board meetings have started with this meeting.

Legal Reports: None

Announcements: None

Other Business: None

Open Forum for community (3 mins per person):

There were no community members were present for the meeting. Joe did state that comments that come in during the live stream would most likely not be read live. Comments are still part of the public record in the recording though.

Comments from Board Members:

Tony – SVT contract is in his possession along with check for banner. He will be turning that in to Tammy and hanging the banner.

Joe – Suggested to contact businesses along the fence line of River Forest for possible donations.

Morgan – Older gentleman is still feeding the wild animals and leaving empty containers. Dumpster is still not closing properly.

Joe – Did contact Total Disposal. They are supposed to be sending someone out to look at it.

Tony – Trail cams to help deter littering/feeding of the wild animals.

Joe – Suggested looking into prices of trail cams.

Adjournment: Tony made the motion to adjourn. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 6:33pm.