

ROLL CALL:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Shane Staker		Rich Stout	X	Erin Laughlin	X		
Kristin Rood	X	Erin Monaghan	X	Adam Kofoed			
Jenna Maxson	X	Brian Alatalo					
Adrienne Howard	X						

VOTING

AGENDA ITEM

FOLLOW-UP ACTION

Motion to approve by: Maxson	Approve minutes from June 26, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.	Verbal approval from all group members.	
Second: Stout			
Roll call: AYES NAYS			
Staker			
Rood			
Maxson			
Howard			
Stout			
Monaghan			
Alatalo			

Staff Updates

Summer ‘camp’ numbers have been low. Bags-1, Pickleball-0, Soccer-6, Knitting-4, Kickball-6. July is a lot of Vacation Bible School and camps. Rood provided feedback that the single random nights for limited ages didn’t work for her calendar and that it would work better to have a few days in a row to block off and commit to with a higher expense. Discussed doing 3 days learning about and playing all sports and activities. If doing all day, can have kids bring their own lunch.

Hoover-Ball: Youth numbers are great and first clinic had record numbers. There is a noticeable difference that going to PE classes in the spring has them more prepared coming into the summer. Adult numbers are low but growing. Will be setting up week of and tearing down night (5-7) of & Monday 7 am. Help with messaging on Golf Carts not allowed in Village Green and to keep open containers in Village Green only. Legacies vs. Locals at 5:30 with the Hoover family representing the legacy.

New Business

Re-discuss naming of pocket park at former Casey’s location, Monahan asked for this to be brought back to the group for more discussion on the image for the park. Agreed to keep recommendation for Mural Park but to design it with that purpose with more art, musical playground, seating, shade. Rood suggested an item or two similar to the rock the school has that can be painted in honor of somebody for a fee. Could still have a first responders art piece due to the location. Maxson mentioned considering turf for lower maintenance. Monahan mentioned a sound or sensory park or elements within the park. Laughlin to look into getting a design concept put together, Maxson to reach out to a contact about doing some art work. Group agreed to proceed with Mural Park with the name and building on that idea as the park is designed.

Monohan discussed her idea for an art guild with a vision from her experience with the Vinton Art Guild. The group has an annual fee and monthly a member puts on a class that members can do for free and the public can do at cost. This group did art work around the town such as interactive murals and painting the city trash cans as

well as activities that involve the community such as contests and online challenges. The group felt encouraged to start small with offering a few classes at Town Hall over the fall and winter to build the interest among the art motivated individuals in town. Additional ideas included reach out to the University of Iowa to teach classes as well as local artists through the grade school and doing some collaborating with MSWB.

Annual Report

Monahan put together the annual summary based on FY25 numbers. Maxson asked if some of the report can be shared with the public as well as on the P&R website. Monahan felt this can help support asking for another person. A discussion was had on Town Hall and it's future and who is holding the responsibility for it. Many members were interested to be kept in the loop as this becomes a discussion with council.

Comments from Park & Recreation Commission and staff

Stout asked if Lion's Club or the city owned the Pickleball net at Beranek Park because it is about 3 inches higher than regulation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN	Stout
SECOND	Maxson
ADJOURN TIME	8:28 PM