

Park Board Minutes

Emery Lee Bldg

(monthly meeting)

503 S. Park Ave.
Alexandria, IN 46001

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06 PM

Members Present: Kim Terry, *President*; Barrett Key, *Vice President*; Devin Powers, *Secretary*; Sam Driffill, *member*; Angie Hilligoss, *member*; Tom Johns, *member*

Members Absent: None

Guests: Groundskeeper Jon Thompson and Volunteer Project Director Eric Freeman

Pledge of Allegiance led by Kim Terry.

Approve Previous Minutes: Signed both July and August minutes. Tom motions to approve both sets of minutes, Barrett seconded, no objections, motion passes.

Presentations:

- Eric Freeman - 5-year park plan for the walking trails project. Eric goes over the phases of the plan
 - Public input is being gathered by surveys, in-person sessions, online promotions, and posters
 - A proposed timeline was given.
 - Public input and advertising start as soon as possible.
 - Physical meetings starting by January 2026
 - Surveys and data collection deadline May 2026
 - First draft plan by July 2026
 - Final draft plan by September 2026
 - Final draft submission by 2027
 - The board gives input on community groups to include, where to have the meetings, and agrees that the progress needs to be approved in weekly increments.
 - Eric provides visual aids for the project as well. This includes Harrison Street walkway, Old Mill Park, and safe crossing over State Road 9.
- DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) 250 Year Celebration Tree.
 - Presented by Kim Terry. The DAR group would like to plant a tree at Beulah Park.
 - Angie motions to approve of the 250 Year Celebration Tree, Devin seconded, no objections, motion passes.

Old Business/ Follow ups:

- PowWow use of the Emery Lee and reports on what was seen.
 - Kim states that she visited and had no problem getting parked.
 - The Farmers Market had no problem being in their location.
 - PowWow gave 2 complementary tickets to each board member for entry.

Old Business/ Follow ups continued:

NOTE: The board further states that all Park Board rentals need to be evaluated and refigured.

- Nancy Lamb Redding with her mother's memorial tree.
 - It was brought to Kim's attention that Nancy would like a different tree for her mother's memorial tree. The board asked that Nancy come in to make a formal request.
- Emery Lee roof replacement & Poolhouse windows - Waiting on insurance.
- Pool report - Barrett is getting a quote for the whole floor done in the Pool House in about 2 weeks.
- Pool clean up - Delayed
- Park Superintendent - Pending for more information
- Parks/Pool Facebook - Sam getting re-added
- Barrett's report on school kids helping with the park - Greg and Baker asked for a list of what projects need to be completed at the park.

New Business:

- Budget - The board will send a formal letter requesting certain considerations for the budget of 2026.
- Caretaker reports a need for the carpet to be replaced in the front room and the living room. Sam suggested that we ask Mark what the board covers.
- Water supply from the horseshoe pit. Kim was made aware that the faucet handle broke off and the water supply was shut off. Players need the water to play.
- A new meeting date will need to be made to accommodate new schedules and to avoid the same time as the 2nd city council meeting.
 - The board decides to make the next meeting at 5:30 to give Barrett time to get to his other obligations on Monday, October 20th. At that meeting, a permanent new monthly scheduled date will be decided.

Financial Report:

- Kim is providing them and the board with look over them.

Caretaker Report:

- Utility room needs cleaned

Announcements & Public Comments:

- Barrett announced that the Community Center got new basketball poles. The poles they replaced are only 4 years old. He offered to give the old poles to the park. He will store them and have them available should the park decide to take them.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Barrett, Sam seconded, no objections, motion carries

Next Meeting: A monthly meeting beginning at 5:30 at Emery Lee Building on October 20, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned: approximately 7:48 PM

Minutes Taken By: Devin Powers, Secretary

Approval of the September 15, 2025 minutes:

Signatures of members present:

Kim Terry

Barrett Key

Devin Powers

Sam Driffill

Angie Hilligoss

Tom Johns