



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 / 5:30 p.m.

Emery Lee Building
503 S. Park Ave.
Alexandria, IN 46001

Present: Sam Drifill, *President*; Barrett Key, *Vice President*; Devin Powers, *Secretary*;
; and Kim Terry, *member*;

Absent: Angie Hilligoss, *member* and Tom Johns, *member*

Guest: Eric Freeman, *Superintendent*

Special Guest: Mickey Hosier

President, Sam Drifill led the pledge and called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. Public Comments and Announcements

- a. Mickey Hosier gave a presentation on the Hoop24 Non-Profit organization.
 - i. Mickey is the founder and president of Hoop24, which has a mission to restore community basketball courts, creating a safe and welcoming place for families to connect and grow.
 - ii. The organization will be using grants, sponsorships, partnerships, and community support to fund these projects. Mickey asks that the Park Board to partner up with Hoop24 at no cost to the parks. He asks that the board give him the opportunity to gather information on what the costs, designs, and leading steps would be to present in a month or two to the board.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Kim seconded Barrett's motion to approve meeting minutes from 7/21/2026. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Report

- a. Profit and Loss statement for June.
 - i. Pool figures are still coming in. So far, the park appears to be \$10,000 ahead compared to last year. In 2026 the pool operated at a loss of about \$16,000, compared to 2025 nearly \$27,000 loss. Concessions are yet to be put in the mix. A clearer picture will be available next month.
 1. There was a weird difference in concession expenses from 2025 compared to 2026. Showing close to \$10,000 in difference. There were discrepancies last year. This should be cleared up in the August report, and we're watching it closely for understanding.
 2. As a note: Pool miscellaneous expense is higher than ever before because of lifeguard training.
 - ii. Non-Reverting fund.
 1. Eric recommends moving \$49,055.69 from fund 2204 to the Non-Revert to reserve for 2027.
 2. Devin seconded Barrett's motion to have Eric attempt to get the \$49,055.69 moved to the Non-Revert Fund to prevent the board from losing that money by it going into a general fund. Motion passed unanimously.

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- iii. Electricity expense.
 - 1. Eric points out that the electric bill for the Parks is averaging about \$1,300 a month. The board is wondering if they are sharing expenses with the city. Eric will look into the breakdown of the electricity to see what electricity is being included in the Park's expenses.
- iv. August 2025, there was a "Kiwanis Fair Reimbursement" of \$1,050.42 paid to the Park. Neither the board nor Eric knows what this was for or if something similar was intended to happen this August. Eric will look into this to see if anything needs to be pursued. The board agrees that Kawanis does a lot for the Parks and to keep that in consideration before pursuing invoicing for Fair items.
- v. Supplies line is high for this month to go towards capital improvements at Harrison Square.
- vi. Bob Rogers
 - 1. Park Board continues to lose money with a current YTD net of a little more than \$2,300 in the negative. The generator expense has continued to hurt the Board's bottom line when it comes to this facility.
 - 2. Barrett shares that we had been paying generator fees for the last 6 years always a fee of around \$700 to \$1,000 on a non-total revamp year (where they go through everything). He stated that in the last 6 years we have paid close to \$12,000 for a generator that we never saw nor knew existed before our last meeting. He further added that this facility does not make the Park money and would like to give the building back to the city.
 - 3. Kim further adds that if the generator is something that is suppose to warm the building to be used as a warming center in the case of an emergency, then the cost should be spread amongst all departments.
- vii. Devin seconded Barrett's motion to approve the financial reports. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

- a. Fee refund due to the flood disaster
 - i. Family had to cancel their reservation due to the floods. Eric approved the refund in the interest of customer service, and the Board fully agrees with the refund.
- b. Turn Away No Longer discussion pushed to the next meeting due to Angie's absence as she is the one to give the report.
- c. BOW meeting regarding the insurance work from hail damage in June 2025.
 - i. Sam explains that he is on the committee with Roger Cunio and Eric to make recommendations to BOW for selection of a contractor to fix the hail damage. Before the meeting, he was told they were supposed to select the lowest bidder; however, this was not known in the preparation leading up to the meeting. This affected the recommendation that had been decided by that committee to be void.
 - 1. Leading up to the recommendation 2 sets of bid documents went out that provided information in order to give contractors an idea of the project before the public bid. With there being 2 sets of bid documents out to the 4 contractors, multiple discrepancies were found in bid prices. Due to these discrepancies, all bids were thrown out and the process had to be restarted.

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2. The plan forward is that updated documents will be obtained from the insurance company to put together a new bid packet. There will be an advertisement for bids out for 2 weeks. BOW will open them and the committee will view them to make their recommendation.
 3. The primary issue with this delay is that the insurance claim deadline is September 4th. No additional storm damage will be considered. With the current roofing under damage already, the hope is that no further damage occurs with that exposure, as that will not be covered under this claim.
- d. Anderson Town Pow Wow
- i. The Pow Wow asks to use the park as they did last year.
 - ii. Eric is going to look into the Emery Lee reservation by the Pow Wow to see if it is a paid reservation.
 - iii. Kim seconded Barrett's motion to accept the terms laid out for the Pow Wow use of the park for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Rentals
- i. The Board talks about how the difference in rental allowances given for different organizations needs a strong look for the 2027 year.
- f. Dog swim
- i. Kim tells the rest of the board her findings in looking into the dog swim.
 1. There are no other pools that have a dog swim in Madison County. If Beulah decides to do this, it would make us unique in the county.
 2. The closest area that has a dog swim is Marion Splash House. They ask for \$5 per dog, \$1 per person, and proof of vaccinations. Other places looked into do one dog per person. Some have a big dog swim time and a little dog swim time.
 3. These other places have a portion of the money collected going towards a local animal rescue organization. Homer's Helpers sprang to mind for our town. Sam suggested maybe coordinating a future dog swim with the date that Homer's Helpers does its free vaccination event.
 4. Devin points out some information that Rachel had brought up. That chemical levels have to be watched as well as other considerations when having dogs. She states that the pool would need staff willing and capable of doing these extra things.
 5. Originally looked into for this year; however, the pool has been mostly drained now.
 - ii. Devin seconded Barrett's motion to table the dog swim until the beginning of next year to get the details hammered out for the 2027 season. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business / Staff Report

- a. Internet service at the pool. We are paying for internet and phone in a building we only use during a portion of the year. It is recommended to consider cutting that off. The board considers all the uses of the internet currently and in the future. People use the internet in the park and in the Emery Lee building; it will need to be active for future camera installation. The internet is an important addition to many of the park amenities. The board asks for more details on where modems are located in order to make a more informed decision on how to move forward.
 - i. Devin seconded Barrett's motion to table making any changes to the current internet service until more information is obtained. Motion passed unanimously.

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- b. Superintendent job description
 - i. Sam goes over results from the executive session regarding this. Tweaks will be made to the previous description that the board had made. It will add optional housing and remove the grant writing and civic duties to be more accommodating for that salary and level of work needed. Tom will be re-writing the description to present to the city for their approval before the next meeting.
 - ii. Barrett asked Eric to list some things to consider with a new superintendent. The board would like to know how many hours it takes to mow, upkeep the park, and office work so that the board knows a reasonable ask.
- c. Thank you letter to Kiwanis
 - i. Eric has written a thank-you letter to Kiwanis, as it has been revealed in his time as superintendent that Kiwanis does a great many things that benefit the park. They are the 4-H Fair board and do a lot to make the 4-H Fair a success. The board is in complete agreement, and all board members will get it signed.
 - ii. Kim seconded Barrett's motion to accept Eric's letter and get it sent out. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Online facilities reservation system
 - i. Invoice approved last month has been rejected by City Hall saying that it does not meet city requirements for a contract. The legal firm has sent what city contracts require and the proper adjustments have been made. Eric just needs to have the board approve the updated contract that did not alter the price, just the wording.
 - ii. Kim seconded Barrett's motion to accept the new revised version of the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim seconded Barrett's motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Taken By: Devin Powers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m. @ Emery Lee Auditorium.