

May 21st, 2025 Parks, Rec & Trees Committee

Call to Order: 5:32pm

Minutes from March meeting approved as emailed.

Director's report: youth baseball, blast ball and softball are scheduled, umpires are being hired.

Justin Gregory from Riptide wanted to go over field agreement for 2026.

Riptide has moved games to Lincoln fields.

Adult co-ed softball on Rec Desk for registration. Hoping for a month for advertisement before registration closes.

Aquatic Center: filled with water, chemical imbalance issues are being corrected. System is adjusted and water will clear soon. New online system is being learned by staff. New freezer/fridge has been installed in concession stand. Working on a deal to sell Valentino's pizza by the slice. Pool inspection on Friday pending pH levels.

Swim lessons open June 2nd.

Wayne Park: women's bathroom had some vandalism

Lawson's baseball Field 3 and 4 scoreboard temporary fix with PVC, will be replaced with permanent metal tubing after baseball season is done.

Sprinkler timing needed adjusting, some games were moved to other fields.

Women's bathroom, handicap stall auto flush wasn't working. Plumber needed to order new parts.

Budget discussion: investigating leasing lawn mowers and getting quotes, all mowers are in use and in good repair.

New Business: Lawson Park Dog Park Verizon Wireless would like to place a communications tower at Lawson: lease payments would help pay for building the dog park. This would be a source of revenue for the Parks dept for an indefinite amount of time.

Email ideas for budget items to collect and create a list: Donor wall, increased deck space, additional parking for pool. Deadline for ideas: June 15th.

Street trees: Justin Evertson from the Nebraska Forest Service did a street tree inventory, wants to come present. Approval of list is pending.