

Attendance: Irv Arnold, Tonya Faupel, Keri Do, Bruce Bestul, Randy Price, Nick Goranson, Natalie Rider, Tyler Fox, Shelia Berning, Steve Harants

Audience: Alison Adams, Jack Breman

New Haven Park Board Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025

Time: 6 pm

Location: New Haven Community Center

7500 S.R. 930 East

Ft. Wayne, IN 46803

1. Call to Order

Irv Arnold called the meeting to order at 6 pm

- a. Please silence all Electronic Devices
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Keri Do made a motion to approve the agenda. Bruce Bestul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Tonya Faupel made a motion to approve the October 9, 2025, Special Meeting minutes. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

- a. Bruce Bestul presented and made a motion to approve the November 3, 2025, claims as follows:

11/3 Monthly Claims paid by check	\$ 12,693.24
11/3 Monthly Claims paid by EFT	167,843.22
*(US Bank Bond Payment & First Bankcard)	
10/9 Western Equip. Finance (EFT)	1,721.07
10/9 Payroll & Utility Bills	21,503.20
10/15 NIPSCO Utility Bills	336.35

10/15 Frontier (EFT)	207.57
10/23 Payroll	26,551.28
10/29 Frontier (EFT)	606.29
10/29 FW City Utilities	<u>31.63</u>

Total: \$231,493.85

Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Reports

a. Park Director's Report: Written Report in packet.

- A. We have received 3 estimates ranging from \$130,000 to \$150,000. Nick Goranson will email these out to the Board. Tyler Fox explained more about these bids.
- B. The city is offering to build a building equal to what we have now. Nick would like to ask for more space. He is also questioning the terms of the lease. Discussion followed. Nick will meet with the Utilities Department for further discussion.
- C. Will vote on the 2026 Park Board meeting dates in Other Business.

b. Assistant Director's Report:

Natalie Rider invited the Board members to the Senior Christmas Party to be held December 10, 2025.

c. Maintenance Director's Report:

- A. Tyler Fox reported that Park restrooms will be closed and winterized beginning this Friday, November 7.
- B. Trying to complete final mowing for the season. Working on collecting leaves in the parks.
- C. Working on getting quotes for Moser electric update. Hope to complete this soon. Contacted AEP for electrical disconnect for Meadowbrook building. Once electricity is disconnected, we will tear down the building.
- D. Working on clearing brush at the parks.

6. Old Business

- a. Steve Harants is working on the changes to the Marylands Farm Donation Agreement. Hope to finish soon.

7. New Business

- b. Steve will check into the limit for estimates before we are required to let for bids. He said that it may be prudent to obtain bids for the restroom updates. Tyler will follow up on how long the quotes we have are valid.

c. We have received two quotes for finalizing the grade at Marylands Farm. One from Travis Industries (\$12,800) and one from Short Excavating (\$15,881.49). We are waiting to hear from Fritch's Construction. Bruce made a motion to approve moving forward with finalizing the grade at cost not to exceed \$14,000. Randy Price seconded. Motion carried.

8. Other Business/Board Member Comments

- a. Keri made a motion to approve the 2026 Park Board meeting dates as follows: Mondays January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 8 (Tuesday), October 5, November 2, December 7. Bruce seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Nick passed around pictures of the new chicken coop and bantam run at Marylands Farm. Alison Adams commented that she is happy with the progress.
- c. Bruce told the staff thank you. Randy said to keep up the good work. Irv reported that a park tree came down on a wire on Rose Avenue. He has reported it to the utility company.

9. Audience Comments

Alison Adams invited the Board to Marylands Farm to see the changes taking place. She has been in contact with Turnstone and the Chris Reeves Foundation. Both are impressed with this project.

10. Confirm Next Meeting Date & Time

- a. Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:00pm

11. Adjournment

- a. Irv Arnold made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Keri seconded. Motion carried.

Attested by:



Signed by:

