

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

Audience: Alison Adams, Jack Breman

## New Haven Park Board Minutes

Date: January 5, 2026

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
- c. Nick Goranson attempted to connect the OWL to record the meeting and was refused.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the December 1, 2025, minutes. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 4. Approval of Claims

- a. Bruce Bestul presented and made a motion to approve the January 5, 2026, claims as follows:

1/5 Monthly Claims paid by check	\$ 23,142.78
1/5 Monthly Claims paid by EFT	1,051.19
12/4 Payroll & Utility Bills	21,739.30
12/4 Western Equip. Finance	1,721.07
12/5 Indiana Dept of Rev (Park Taxes)	45.38
12/10 Utility Bills	1,812.06
12/18 Payroll & Utility Bills	30,878.28

12/30 Payroll & HAS Contribution	21,911.02
1/6 Russo Ind., LLC	<u>262.28</u>

Total: \$102,563.36

Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Reports

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

1. Steve Harants and Alison Adams are still working on this. Tabled until February.
2. No additional comments.
3. Until a new system is established, we will use \$10 punch cards for concessions.
4. Google wants their donations to benefit Fort Wayne. Nick will exhaust all options with Google before looking at other sources of funding.
5. Alison Adams gave the history of NH Parks acquiring the Train Depot. She is getting quotes for insulation at the depot. She also spoke about maybe acquiring the land around it.
6. These curtains will give a more intimate feel to rentals.
7. No additional comments.

b. Assistant Director's Report:

No Report

c. Maintenance Director's Report:

No Report

6. Old Business

- a. Rewritten Donation Agreement and Quitclaim Deeds are tabled until February.

7. New Business

a. Haskamp Parking Proposal

Discussed quotes from Fritch and Travis and electric and water hookup availability.

- b. Discussed end of year financial reports that were emailed to the Board. Costs have increased across the board.

8. Committee Reports

No Reports

9. Other Business/Board Member Comments

- a. The 3-minute limit per person is per city ordinance. The city wants continuity across all city meetings.

b. Tonya Faupel said that the pressure washing of the Greenway made a big difference in its looks!

c. Audience Comments

Jack Breman said that Soloman Park, in Fort Wayne, is not handicapped accessible. But Marylands Farm Park will be. He also commented that the Train Depot is an important piece of New Haven's history and should be valued; also, that we should learn the history of our area. Alison Adams spoke about providing activities for people with disabilities and that Marylands Farm Park is working to make these activities available in an economical way, including future upkeep.

d. Confirm Next Meeting Date & Time

a. Monday, February 2, at 6:00pm

e. Adjournment

a. Irv Arnold made a motion to adjourn at 6:39pm. Bruce Bestul seconded. Motion carried.

Attested by:



Signed by:

