

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

Guest: Alison Adams

New Haven Park Board Minutes

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: New Haven Community Center

7500 SR 930 East

Fort Wayne, IN 46803

1. Call to Order

Irv Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- a. Welcome – please silence all electronic devices.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Keri Do made a motion to approve the agenda. Randy Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Tonya Faupel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Claims

- a. Bruce Bestul presented and made a motion to approve March 2, 2026, claims as follows:

3/2 Monthly Claims paid by check	\$58,716.21
3/2 Monthly Claims paid by EFT	1,225.72
2/12 Payroll & Utility Bills	22,248.67
2/26 Payroll	26,535.02
2/5 Frontier & Western Equip Finance (paid by EFT)	2,186.54
2/5 Utility Bills (paid by check)	2,589.83
2/12 Frontier (paid by EFT)	207.35
2/19 Utility Bills (paid by check)	1,991.16

2/26 Frontier (paid by EFT)

144.19

Total:

\$115,844.69

Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Reports

a. Park Director's Report in packet.

1. Lunch will be served both days.
2. No additions.
3. No additions.
4. Will get the final project cost sent to the Board as soon as all details have been worked out. Google is still on board to work with us on this.
5. Will be interviewing two applicants for Aquatics Director this Friday, 3/6.
6. Additional information will be covered in New Business.

Updates to bathrooms are being completed. Summer is coming very quickly, and we are getting ready for it. Bruce made a motion to allow credit cards or cash at admissions and cash or punch cards only at concessions at Jury. Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

b. Assistant Director's Report

Natalie Rider announced that there are mental health training sessions scheduled this summer and fall with Bowen Center here at the Community Center. These are for Park staff and are open to the community. She also presented some of the upcoming programs here at the Community Center, including the Daddy/Daughter Dance and the H3: Spring Event in March. We are beginning to receive applications for summer jobs at the pool and playgrounds. These jobs will be posted online by the city this week.

c. Maintenance Director's Report

Tyler Fox stated that the power will be turned off at the Community Center on Monday, March 9 for utility work and installation of fire sprinkler heads. As a result, the Parks Department will be closed at least part of the day. He also mentioned that they plan to change out the Moser baseball diamond lights by 4/1/26. He said that due to the age of our truck fleet and the high cost to maintain it, he is looking into

getting newer trucks either through purchase or lease. Maintenance is getting ready for pool and mowing season; they are looking to hire seasonal help.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Approval of Appointments

Randy made a motion to approve the Park Board member appointments as they are listed in the attachment included in the March Board packet. Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

b. Bobcat Renewal Process

We have transferred our existing Bobcat lease to New Holland. This new lease will cost \$3,425.42/year. At the end of 5 years, the Parks Department will receive a new Bobcat with a new lease.

c. Bensman Maintenance Property Transfer Resolution

Discussed the Resolution from the city to transfer the maintenance property to the city. The Resolution does not give any details of what the Parks will get in exchange, time of transfer, or other details. Pone Vongphachanh from the city will attend the April Park Board meeting to discuss this exchange in more detail.

8. Other Business/Board Members Comments

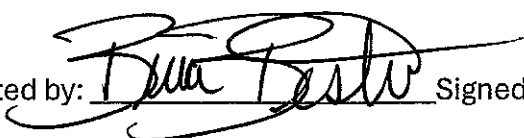
a. Discussed that if the pool is opened early how it will significantly impact the pool's expenses. Nick is hopeful that holding Ellis & Associates Lifeguard training here and possibly extending the season into August will help mitigate these expenses. He was asked if we could use volunteers to keep the pool open. He answered that the Parks must employ these people.

b. Alison Adams said that the Train Depot has had additional insulation put in. She is meeting with two companies to get quotes to replace the roof. The New Haven Heritage Association is paying for these improvements, for which the Parks Department is grateful. A question was brought up about renting the Train Depot. Discussed parking and staff issues in association with this idea. No decision was made.

10. Confirm next meeting date and time

a. 4/6/2026 at 6:00pm

Bruce motioned to adjourn the meeting. Randy seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

Attested by:  Signed by: 