

Attendance: Irv Arnold, Tonya Faupel, Keri Do, Bruce Bestul, Randy Price, Tyler Fox, Nick Goranson, Steve Harrants,

Guests: Alison Adams, Jack Brennan, Mike Clendenen, Pone Vongphachanh, Angie Hamrick

New Haven Park Board Minutes

Date: April 6, 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. Tonya Faupel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Approval of Claims

- a. Bruce presented and made a motion to approve April 6, 2026, claims as follows:

4/6 Monthly Claims paid by check	\$72,142.86
4/6 Monthly Claims paid by EFT	8,678.75
3/5 Western Equip Fin EFT	1,721.07
3/5 I & M Power	66.33
3/11 Frontier EFT	207.35
3/12 Utility Bills & Payroll	23,935.06
3/25 Frontier EFT	144.19
3/25 Utility Bills and Payroll	29,604.97

3/27 HSA Contributions

3,750.00

Total:

\$140,250.58

Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- a. Angie Hamrick is asking for a resolution that she can approve payment of some of the Parks' claims in order to avoid late fees. Steve Harrants will write a resolution and bring it to the May meeting for a vote. The Board recommends a cap of \$5,000. Bruce Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Reports

a. Pone from the City's Report

- A. Pone Vongphachanh presented information about developing the Parks Bensman Ave. property. She said that she is willing to include an MOU. Steve Harrants will work with the city attorney to draft this resolution including more details of the new building the Parks Department will get in the exchange and bring it to the May meeting.

b. Maintenance Report

- B. Its been a busy month for Maintenance. Starting to mow on 4/7/26. Getting a couple trees cut down at Moser Park. There was vandalism to the slide at Meadowbrook Park, Tyler has the slide part ordered to fix it. Cost and shipping is \$946. Down a full time employee, so they are trying to keep up with the staff they have, but are looking for a person.

c. Assistant Director's Report

- C. Natalie is in Florida but wishes everyone well

d. Director's Report

- D. Information in Packet. A couple notes being that the YMCA is putting together an advisory board for Three Rivers and invites the Park Board Members to join. Tree Planting 4/25 at Marylands Farm, Save Maumee donated 50 trees out of their grant.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. Werling Park we have to add a parking lot. 63x70 cost almost \$70,000 through API of New Haven. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. Klotz Parking Lot- \$67,500 to lay asphalt on existing base, also through API. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve. Tonya Faupel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. Schnelker Tree- Brandenburger assessed it. Nick personally thinks we should handle them one at a time. He doesn't know how to afford doing them altogether. Quoted at \$4990. The hollow tree needs to be removed first. \$2495 to do one tree is Nick's suggestion. Tonya Faupel made a motion to not exceed \$3,200. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - d. Maryland Concrete- \$9,674.54 quote. Nick recommends this quote for Crystal Creek Concrete. Bruce Bestul makes a motion to approve. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - e. Marylands Farm Asphalt Quote- Asphalt Authority gave a quote, but are waiting for other quotes. Nick recommends we hold this for now, but knowing it is going to happen and it being a capital improvement, thinks it makes sense to pay it out of the bond just to show that we are doing what we say we're going to do and thinks it will be helpful with the Windswell Foundation.
 - f. Bathroom Floors- Quotes \$21,820 for all 5, \$13,040 for the 3 that need it the worst. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the 3 in most need. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - g. Community Center Roof Maintenance Plan-Info in packet. Mostly a warranty for the roof. Repairs, flashing, leaks, things of this nature. Bruce asked to Hold. Nick agreed.
 - h. Seasonal Hires- Nick has the list of all the seasonal hires. Tonya Faupel motions to approve the seasonal hires. Keri Do seconds the motion. Motion carried.
 - i. Tennis Director Pay Line Fix- In 2025 board approved \$17 an hour, but in the 2026 it says \$15. Needs board to confirm the \$17. Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the pay rate. Keri Do seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - j. Board Packet- Nick explained some of the information in the packet. Werling- Keri Do made a motion to approve everything, Bruce Bestul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Car ran through the awning at Klotz Park, roof is failing. Not on the agenda, but it could come out of the bond. Nick also explained other information in the packet.
8. Other Business
 9. Confirm Next Meeting Date & Time
 - a. May 4th 2026
 - b. Tonya Faupel and Steve Harrantts will not be in attendance.
 10. Adjournment

a. Irv Arnold made a motion to adjourn. Keri Do seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm

Attested by: 

Signed by: 