

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER CITY PARK AND
RECREATION BOARD, JASPER, INDIANA HELD AT 4:30 P.M.,
AUGUST 12, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Jasper City Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:30 P. M. by President Seger.

Secretary Otto conducted the roll call:

	In Person	by Zoom	Absent
Roger Seger, President	✓		
Dana Schnarr, Vice President			✓
Kent Otto, Secretary	✓		
Greg Eckerle, Member	✓		
Kristen Ruhe, Member	✓		
Kylie Leuck, Member	✓		
Renee Kabrick, City Attorney	✓		

Member Eckerle led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the regular July meeting were approved on a motion by Secretary Otto and seconded by Member Eckerle. All were in favor 4-0.

The monthly claims were approved on a motion by Member Ruhe and seconded by Secretary Otto. All were in favor 4-0.

OAC Director Dick gave the Older Americans Report. Numbers are at their best. There was a record of 82 participants at Golden Go exercise class on Monday. One bus will be going to Ellis Park on August 22nd. One bus will be going to Derby Dinner on September 11th. There are 94 people signed up for the August catered meal.

Dick requested approval to seek bids for an additional parking lot at the Center. The lot will add an additional 30 spaces, for a total of 108 spaces. \$50,000 will come from various park funds, and \$100,000 from the budget. After discussion, Member Eckerle made a motion to seek the bids. Member Ruhe seconded. All were in favor 4-0.

Community Engagement Coordinator Reckelhoff gave the tourism report. The Prairie Walk was very well attended. The train ride to the Bombers game was sold out. The family quick trips were very well attended. Every ride during the Strassenfest was sold out.

Pro shop manager Kurt Uebelhor gave the golf report. Buffalo Trace took in \$116,991.99 at the Pro Shop in July. The Driving Range took in \$11,680.00. For a grand total of \$128,680.99 for the month of July.

Assistant Director Rob Gutsell requested permission to seek quotes for repairs on the bridge approach near the Mill. After discussion, Secretary Otto made a motion to seek quotes. Member Ruhe seconded. All were in favor 4-0.

Gutsell presented a list of items (attached) to be sold at the city's auction on September

13th. Member Ruhe made a motion to approve the sale. Secretary Otto seconded. All were in favor 4-0.

Director Moorman gave a parks update. He thanked the staff for all the work that was done to help prepare for the Strassenfest. The roof was replaced on the restroom at the youth football field, and at the restroom at Buehler Plaza. Repairs were made at the bridge near the labyrinth. The staff continues to work with the Mayor's Youth Council on construction of the sand volleyball court at Buehler Park.

Moorman requested approval for a controlled burn at the Parklands this fall. Approximately 4.5 acres/3 locations are proposed. Secretary Otto made a motion to approve the burn. Member Ruhe seconded. All were in favor 4-0.

Moorman presented a list of July Restricted use donations:

Bridge Club	Habig Center	\$1,000.00
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Secretary Otto made a motion to approve the donation. Member Eckerle seconded. All were in favor 4-0.

Mayor Vonderheide and Director Moorman presented student representative Kylie Leuck with a certificate for serving on the board.

Recreation Director Wagner gave the rentable facilities reports.

Wagner gave the pool report. The new pool took in \$95,381.50 in July, compared to \$24,992.40 in July of 2023. There were 13,155 swimmers compared to 6,028 swimmers in July of 2023.

Attorney Kabrick advised that the city received bids on every property at Camp Carnes. The paperwork has been mailed to the prospective buyers. Scheduling for the closings on the properties will be in the next 30-60 days.

Mayor Vonderheide thanked the Park Department for all of the assistance that was given for the Strassenfest.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 P.M. on a motion by Member Eckerle. Member Ruhe seconded. All were in favor 4-0.

Attest:

Kent Otto

Kevin D. Leysen
President