

Utica, Nebraska – Parks and Recreation

Board Meeting Agera
March 16, 2026 @ 7:00 PM – Utica Senior Center
520 D Street, Utica, NE 68456

Roll call:

1. Mat Volzke
2. Randy Steinhausen
3. Mitch Peeks
4. Derek Dubas
5. Dylan Weimer

Open meeting act- located on east wall

Approval of agenda

Approval of Minutes – Randy made a motion to approve the minutes from Jan/Feb meetings. Motion seconded by Derek Dubas. Motion passed unanimously

Public comments: UBO board members present – John & Nichole Javorsky
Village board members present: Sharon Powell, Nick Bloebaum, Mckenzie Parr

Old Business:

1. Pool Opening: May 23rd tentative opening day
2. Hiring 2 lifeguards
3. Paint ordered
4. Engineering company advised against plugs
5. Duty list for lifeguards – Documents will be emailed to candidates/ hard copy is in village clerks office.

New Business:

1. Ball fields/Park
 - A. UBO meeting – Randy noted that it was a good experience to have attended the UBO meeting. Nick B. touched on bases. Dylan commented that they are replacing the worst ones this year. It is Village responsibility.
 - B. Meeting with Kingery construction - Meeting on Tuesday 17th
 - C. Volleyball pits – Ideas floating to remove the volleyball pit and cover with dirt. Maybe turn into parking for handicap?? Mitch Peeks made a motion to suggest to the Village that they remove the volleyball pit. Motion seconded by Derek Dubas.
Votes For: 4 Votes Against: 1 Motion passed.

2. New Events and Fundraising Ideas
 - A. UBO doing a home run derby
 - B. Movie night at the ballfield??
 - C. Car show (Dylan Scheele)

3. Parks and Rec Section of Website – not user friendly (not much was discussed on this matter, tabled for later discussion since ballfields took up a lot of time).
4. Training with Utica VFD – Jake will set up dates for training at the pool before opening season. – Dylan Weimer made a motion to make the pool manager responsible for setting training up with Utica VFD. Motion seconded by Mat Volzke.
Motion passed unanimously.
5. New pool tabled for later discussion – get the ballfields in order first
6. Utica Days – August 1st Dylan may need help, he will reach out if need be
7. Discussion Topics – Randy will email a sample of bylaws

Next meeting set – April 20, 2026

Motion made to add **John Javorsky** to the Utica Parks & Recreation Board

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn meeting – Motion passed unanimously & meeting adjourned at 8:37pm