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Utica Nebraska-Parks and Recreation
Board Meeting Agenda
Sept 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Utica Senior Center
520 D St, Utica, NE 68456

Call to Order

- This is an Open Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Village of Utica NE.
- A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review by anyone present at the meeting.
- Public notice for this meeting has been performed and documented.
- The Board Chairman/President reserves the right to adjust the order of agenda items.
- The Board may vote to enter into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by Nebraska State Law, including the protection of the public interest or to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Roll Call:

-Mat Volzke
-Randy Steinhausen
-Mitch Peeks
-Derek Dubas
-Dylan Weimer
-John Javorsky
- Board of Trustees liaison – McKenzie Parr
(All individuals listed above are present)

Determination of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
(Motion made by Dylan, seconded by Mitch)

Mat Volzke - Yes
Randy Steinhausen - Yes
Mitch Peeks - Yes
Derek Dubas - Yes
Dylan Weimer - Yes
John Javorsky - Yes
(All in favor, motion passed)

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
(Motion made by John, seconded by Derek)

Mat Volzke - Yes
Randy Steinhausen - Yes
Mitch Peeks - Yes

Derek Dubas - Yes
Dylan Weimer - Yes
John Javorsky - Yes
(All in favor, motion passed)

Public Comments: **None at this time (noted by John J)**
Public comment on all non-agenda items should be presented at this time, then at the beginning of the discussion of the individual agenda items.
Attendees must sign in and identify themselves in order to comment.
The Chair reserves the right to set a time limit on public comments.

Old Business:

1. Bylaws - McKenzie said that the bylaws were sent into attorney in August, waiting for approval

2. Ball Fields and Park -

A- Batting Cage - UBO needs to use funds from SCG before the end of the year. In the meantime, park/rec will look into fixing the leaning pole at the existing batting cage. - Mat Volzke will look into this.

Motion made to fix leaning pole made by Dylan, seconded by Derek)

Mat Volzke - Yes
Randy Steinhausen - Yes
Mitch Peeks - Yes
Derek Dubas - Yes
Dylan Weimer - Yes
John Javorsky - Yes
(All in favor, motion passed)

B- Concession stand/Restrooms - Dylan said he has been looking into the possibility of adding onto the maintenance building as an extension for concessions.

C- Drainage - Maintenance is dragging south field twice a week to remove broken glass and nails that were most likely brought in when dirt was last laid down on the field.

D- Parking - Not much room to advance more parking at this time.

3. Bike Rally/Safety Training - Mat called Seward County Ext. office, and they are not interested in doing a bike rally. However the Sheriffs Dept. would like to help out and get the Seward Police Department involved since they have their own bike enforcement policies.
McKenzie noted that the Village board members are going to an E-Bike conference and she will share notes with Parks/Rec at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Village Board Report - Village voted to allow a boy scout to put in new horse shoe shoots for his project.

2. UBO Update / Information- UBO needs to have end of season meeting. John J will inform the UBO of the plan to install a new pole at the batting cage.

3. Grants- Possibly look into swings that are made for adult/child

4. What can we do with our budget? Current amount is $15k
   A- Areas of need in our parks - Throw out some ideas to put in open areas.
   B- Updates and upgrades to equipment, facilities and landscaping
   C- Upgrades at Tower Park - Disc golf/ start with 3 holes? McKenzie said she was approached about the possibility of a dog park. Parks/Rec will do some research on size/cost for both ideas.
   D- Area East of Pickle ball Court
      1. Possible Community Garden
      Randy spoke to a couple people about the possibility of an FFA student driven garden. Has not gone any further with it.

5. Personnel –Job Performance
   A- Evaluation and Recommendation

   (Motion to enter into a closed session at 8:12pm to discuss matters related to job performance made by Randy, seconded by Derek)

   Mat Volzke - Yes
   Randy Steinhausen - Yes
   Mitch Peeks - Yes
   Derek Dubas - Yes
   Dylan Weimer - Yes
   John Javorsky - Yes
   (All in favor, motion passed)

   (Motion to exit closed session at 8:47pm made by John, seconded by Mitch)

   Mat Volzke - Yes
   Randy Steinhausen - Yes
   Mitch Peeks - Yes
   Derek Dubas - Yes
   Dylan Weimer - Yes
   John Javorsky - Yes
   (All in favor, motion passed)

Matt stated that next meeting is set for:
Next Meeting: October 19, 2026

(Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Derek, seconded by Dillon)

Mat Volzke - Yes
Randy Steinhausen - Yes
Mitch Peeks - Yes
Derek Dubas - Yes
Dylan Weimer - Yes
John Javorsky - Yes
(All in favor, motion passed)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:48pm