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Utica Nebraska-Parks and Recreation
Board Meeting Agenda
November 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Utica Senior Center
520 D St, Utica, NE 68456

Board Mission:
"The Village of Utica Parks and Recreation Board shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance its natural resources, parkland and recreational opportunities for all current and future generations."

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- 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 - Here
-Randy Steinhausen - Here
-Mitch Peeks - Turned in Resignation
-Derek Dubas - Here
-Dylan Weimer - Here
-John Javorsky - Here
-Board of Trustees liaison –Jim Swanson - Here
-Board of Trustees liaison-Nick Bloebaum - Here

Determination of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Motion made by Dylan to approve the agenda with the exception that we move Kayla Anderson and the rest of the UBO present, to the top of our agenda so they may present their proposal to the Parks Board. Seconded by Derek.

-Mat Volzke - Yes
-Randy Steinhausen - Yes
-Derek Dubas - Yes
-Dylan Weimer - Yes
-John Javorsky - Yes

Motion to approve the agenda as amended - passed.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting made by Derek, seconded by John.

-Mat Volzke - Yes
-Randy Steinhausen - Yes
-Derek Dubas - Yes
-Dylan Weimer - Yes
-John Javorsky - Yes

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting - passed.

Public Comments:
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.
The Chair reserves the right to set a time limit on public comments.

Deanna Briggs would like to be considered for membership to the Parks and Recreation Board.

John made a motion to recommend to the Village Board that Deanna Briggs be considered for membership to the Parks and Recreation Board. Seconded by Randy.

-Mat Volzke - Yes
-Randy Steinhausen - Yes
-Derek Dubas - Yes
-Dylan Weimer - Yes
-John Javorsky - Yes

Motion passed.

UBO Presentation:

The UBO has obtained estimates for the proposed concrete pad and batting cages. The estimated cost for a 70' x 28' concrete pad is $28,000, which would accommodate two batting cages. The estimate for the batting cage poles and netting is approximately $30,000. There may be an opportunity to reduce costs by purchasing the poles through a fencing company.

Estimates for the necessary electrical work have not yet been obtained.

Several potential locations for the new batting cages have been considered, including the area between the ballfields, the north parking lot, and the property north of the ballfields, should the Village be able to acquire that land.

The UBO is requesting that the Village contribute 50% of the total project cost. Before the Parks and Recreation Board can submit a funding request to the Village Board for approval, the UBO will need to

2. **UBO Update / Information-**

Moved to the top of the agenda. .

3. **Grants**

The UBO may want to explore available grant opportunities to help offset the cost of the proposed batting cage project. One potential option is the Norris Round Up Grant, which provides funding of up to $2,500 toward qualifying projects.

4. **Application for Employment**

An application for employment at the pool was submitted by Lynly Leif to the board for consideration. Derek made a motion to push the application to the village board for approval. Seconded by John.

- Mat Volzke - Yes
-Randy Steinhausen - Yes
-Derek Dubas - Yes
-Dylan Weimer - Yes
-John Javorsky - Yes

Motion passed.

Next Meeting
Mat has requested that as a board we discuss the option to move the next Parks and Rec. board meeting from December 21, 2026 to a different date that all members can agree on. Due to the Christmas holiday, member availability may be limited the week of the 21st.

Derek made a motion to move the Parks and Rec. meeting to January 18, 2027.
Seconded by Dylan.

-Mat Volzke - Yes
-Randy Steinhausen - Yes
-Derek Dubas - Yes
-Dylan Weimer - Yes
-John Javorsky - Yes

Motion passed.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2027

Dylan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Derek.

-Mat Volzke - Yes

-Randy Steinhausen - Yes
-Derek Dubas - Yes
-Dylan Weimer - Yes
-John Javorsky - Yes

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at: 8:22 pm