

Jackson Park Board Meeting

September 8, 2025

Meeting called to order by Luke Dry at 6:00 PM

Members Present: Luke Dry, Cathy Reiminger, Dave Seabaugh, Mandy Gard, Darrin Pettit, Cherie Harris, Bob Lichtenegger

Visitors: Jason Lipe – Park & Recreation Director
Chris Eastridge Civic Center Director
Katy Liley – Aldermen Representative
Mark Unger – Aldermen Representative

Tim Maevers gave an update on the work that he had been coordinating at the Rock Garden. Tim said the railing at the back of the stage had been installed and a gate placed to assist with band equipment loading / unloading. There has also been a new concrete parking spot installed and new wood stairs from the parking spot up to the stage level. Tim either provided the funds for or secured donations for material and labor in completing the project.

Jason acknowledged the time spent and the financial contribution of Tim Maevers.

Tim said that he would like to make a request to donate a professionally created and installed plaque placed at the Rock Garden stating "In Memory of Lester & Ruth Maevers" who are Tim's parents. Lester had been an active member of the Park Board for several years.

*Verbal approval of the plaque was given by the Park Board.

Previous meeting minutes from August

*Darin made a motion to approve the March Board minutes, Cathy 2nd. Motion was approved by a vote of the Board.

Old Business:

2. Civic Center Renovation Task Order

Jason stated that DillePollard which is the architectural firm in contract with did a site visit recently to discuss options and determine what structural concerns there may be with the renovation options. They should have a proposal package returned in the near future.

3. City Pool Renovation Task Order

Jason stated that this Task Order had been approved by the Board of Aldermen, and he has not heard anything back from the firm of BFW Engineers who was awarded the contract.

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4. Baseball/Softball Concession Stands

Jason submitted the proposal for a change to the Bid Document Request to have the contractor that is accepted be responsible for maintaining the concession stands during the year and not the Park Department not acceptable by our City Attorney. The proposal for the change was due to the numerous buildings having damage and break-ins during the year. The request for bid specifications will be the same as in the previous contract period.

New Business:

Jason shared the 2026 Summer Concert Series schedule for the large concerts which will include 3 for 2026.

Committee Reports: None at this time

Civic Center Report

As printed in the agenda packet.

Park & Recreation Director's Report

As printed in the agenda packet.

Luke shared a citizen request to include the Mary Street bridge in the Christmas season lights. Jason said that there isn't electricity available in the area to do so.

*Darin made a motion to adjourn, Mandy 2nd. Motion approved by a vote of the Board.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Lichtenegger