Weston Park Board

Meeting Minutes
September 23rd, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
City Hall

OPEN SESSION

Call to Order: Susan Finn, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance: Susan Finn – President, ~~Richard Jones – Vice President~~, Courtland Ingram – Treasurer, Heather Pashman – Secretary, Paul Schwennesen, ~~Shane Bartee~~, Corey Weinfurt, Ruth Mary Clemens, ~~Paige Hoft~~, Greg Hoffman – Alderman Liaison, non-voting

Guests: Coy Taylor

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the August meeting minutes was deferred to next month.

Treasurer's Report: Courtland Ingram presented the revenue and expense line items from August 2026. He also reported on discussions with Sherry at City Hall regarding bank statement reconciliations. The balances remain unreconciled, but the balance is expected to be favorable to the Park Board. Follow-up regarding the activation and utilization of the Park Board bank account remains ongoing. The late fees associated with the water bill remain unresolved. Paul Schwennesen made the motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Ruth Mary Clemens seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Courtland Ingram to follow up on the late fees associated with the water bill.

President's Comments: None.

Alderman Liaison Report: Greg Hoffman provided the following updates:

1) A concrete slab will be poured near the Weston Black Heritage Mural prior to Applefest. A handicap accessible crosswalk has been approved for this area and technically ties into our trail system.
2) The Chamber of Commerce will submit a special event application for the annual tree-lighting ceremony scheduled for November 14th.
3) A general update regarding the Parkville Living Center and how it operates and what programs it provides to the community was shared. It was suggested that the concept of a Weston Community Center be added to the City of Weston's broader list of future ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Comments: None.

Community Matters: Paul Schwennesen initiated a discussion regarding potential strategic investments for the Park Board's balance of funds. He asked Board members to evaluate community needs and identify enhancement projects to spruce up the town, noting that Rotary Club grants could likely provide matching funds.

Board Discussions: It was decided to utilize the November meeting as dedicated time to review the Park Board's Master Plan. It was recommended to map available grants to the Board's priority projects during this time.

It was asked if the City of Weston has yet to determine a plan for Antoinette Park. No action/decision has been made regarding that land. In early 2027, the City plans to apply for a Platte County stormwater grant to address improvements for the area.

A fall clean-up event prior to Applefest was discussed. However, Holladay Park was noted to be in good condition and the Board decided it was not necessary. Courtland Ingram mentioned that recent weed-trimming activity caused debris to enter the fountain water. Therefore, Susan Finn approved funds to purchase a skimmer to remove the debris. Paul Schwennesen suggested focusing volunteer efforts on a trail clean-up rather than a general park clean-up, proposing November as a good timeframe for that activity. Maintenance needs for the gazebo were reviewed prior to Applefest, including the removal of wasp nests and power-washing bird droppings. Courtland Ingram noted that bird-netting has not yet been reinstalled. Greg Hoffman, Courtland Ingram, and Paul Schwennesen agreed to power-wash the gazebo.

ACTION ITEM(s): 1) Courtland Ingram to remove wasp nests from the gazebo in Holladay Park; 2) Greg Hoffman, Courtland Ingram, and Paul Schwennesen to power-wash the gazebo; 3) Paul Schwennesen to email Susan Finn with suggested trails to include in the proposed fall clean-up event.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminders: Susan Finn reminded the Park Board of upcoming grants and due dates:

- Tree City application has been extended until the end of March - the Board agreed not to pursue this year and focus on other priorities
- Native plantings – will wait and apply next year; due January 2027
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant – Susan reported that Megan Jantos shared information regarding an LWCF grant due in November, which requires a 50/50 match. Greg Hoffman recommended skipping this grant cycle. Bless Park, Holladay Park, and Orchard Hill are designated LWCF parks and are eligible for future funding.
- Tennis Facility Grants – grant funding available for tennis court improvements
- DNR Trails Grant – the Board continues to await an award decision on this grant

Future Guests: None.

Orchard Hill: The backboard of the basketball hoop has been replaced.

Setting a firm deadline for the installation of the water spigot was discussed.

ACTION ITEM: Susan Finn to email Eric Mosier regarding the deadline for the water spigot installation.

Holladay Park:

No formal update has been received regarding the Walnut Creek Winery project. Concern was expressed regarding the proposed ping pong table, stating that clear specifications for a durable, commercial/park-grade or concrete table must be formally communicated to Raymond Jewell.

Bird-netting still needs to be installed.

The fountain has been treated. The pump is currently operational, but will eventually require repair or replacement. The Park Board discussed establishing a date with Eric Mosier to shut off the water in the fountain for the season.

The plaque for the Liberty Tree and the boulder installed to mount the plaque were discussed. The boulder was identified as a tipping hazard and does not match the specifications originally presented. Eric Mosier confirmed that the plaque has been received, but he has not had time to complete the installation. Ruth Mary Clemens made the motion to designate Paul Schwennesen as the liaison and decision-maker for the installation of the Liberty Tree plaque and mounting stone. Courtland Ingram seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Franklin Park: No update.

Shafer Park: No update.

Bless Park: The Partnership grant application was submitted. No update regarding the soil analysis and percolation test.

Market Street Trail: No update.

Bluff Trail: No update.

Meeting Adjournment: Courtland Ingram made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Schwennesen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.