

FREEDOM PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Lowell Town Hall – 501 E. Main Street, Lowell, IN 46356

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

- Heidi Laub
- Dorothy Eich
- Alice Dahl
- Cyndi Hughes
- Craig Hendrix
- Kevin Gray
- Hunter Hornickel

III. Approval of Minutes and Claims

- The minutes and claims were reviewed.
- Motion: Alice Dahl made a motion to accept.
- Second: Dorothy Eich seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Maintenance Report (Kevin Gray)

- Dog park treated for poison ivy.
- Shelter project was completed.
- Soccer fields fertilized.
- Picnic tables bolted down.
- Bathrooms scheduled for painting.
- Community service workers will paint the skate park.
- Soccer goal will be repaired.

V. Project Updates (Craig Hendrix)

- Gulf will donate additional dirt for the sledding hill.
- Hill will be smoothed and seeded by September.
- Town of Lowell funded concrete work for Rotary shelter project.

VI. General Discussion

- Pickleball court rental may be tied to the shelter rental closest to the courts. No decision made.

VII. Old Business

1. Parking Lot Expansion

- Bids are currently under review.
- Discussion held on funding expansion after capital fund usage.
- Board agreed to use \$35,000 to repay the Town the following year.

2. Playground Equipment

- Discussion on need for new equipment.

3. 2026 Budget

- Each board member will contribute \$20,000.
- Capital budget rate increased by \$15,000.
- Motion: Alice Dahl made a motion to approve the changes.
- Second: Dorothy Eich seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- **VIII. New Business**

1. Pickleball Tournament

- Proposal to host a spring pickleball tournament.

2. Dog Days of Summer Promotion

- Promotion to run September 15–December 31, 2025.
- Resident rate: \$45.
- Non-resident rate: \$95.
- All members agreed.

3. Donations

- Clarification by Dorothy Eich: Lowell Women's Club donations can be used anywhere in the park.

IX. Public Comment

- Brian Fuller requested reinstatement of his Bark Park membership.
- The Board approved reinstatement with a zero-tolerance policy.

X. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 9:00 AM
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XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed-_____ Date-_____

Attested-_____ Date-_____