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Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025
City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from May 2025 Park Board Meeting
- (5) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
- (6) Parks Programming & Approval of Events – Nikki Eckerson
- (7) Prairie Creek Report – Tawny Hall / Kellie McClellan
- (8) Friends of Prairie Creek
- (9) Old Business
 - Tuhey Security Update
 - Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
 - Splash Pad Repair Status
 - Summer Internship Program
- (10) New Business
 - Security Installation at Heekin
 - Prairie Creek Key Coded Bathrooms
 - Anthony Park Equipment
- (11) Action Items
- (12) Public Input – (3) minutes limit – Please state your name and address.

*** Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 15, 2025 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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- If the Park Board has any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Malone at the Park Office (765)747-4858 or call (765)749-8490.

Carl Malone
Superintendent
Muncie Parks and Recreation



MUNCIE PARKS PROGRAM REPORT

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Muncie Teen Internship Program

The program started and we had our first Mentor Day on June 4th. Thrive Credit Union discussed financial literacy and helped any youth intern that needed help accessing their accounts through the app.

The youth are currently assigned to work with our partners this year will be Eco-Rehab, Muncie Community Schools, Second Harvest, IU Health Ball Memorial, the YWCA, Tuhey Pool, Walker Event Center and Negasi Gardens.

Any individual, business or organization that would like to donate water or snacks for the youth workers can drop items off at our office Monday – Friday during our normal business hours which are 7 am – 3 pm and we close for lunch from 11 – 12. If you have questions about what can be donated as we have some participants with allergies, give us a call at (765) 747-4858 or email us at muncieparks@muncie.in.gov for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

We are working on finalizing our sports programming for the summer/fall.

Carl is in discussion with Randy O'Connor regarding baseball and community organizers regarding a possible basketball tournament.

FALL PROGRAMMING

We have the dates for several fall events and will begin planning those once the Teen Internship Program is underway. Kristina Harris the manager at Walmart South has been discussing partnering for a few events that will give back to our community.

Backpack Drive/Giveaway – with Walmart is currently scheduled for July 22nd in the McCulloch Cabin from 10 am – 12 noon. Donations can be dropped off at our office and bins will be set up at Walmart South.

Trunk or Treat – is currently scheduled for October 18th to avoid conflicting with the Ball State University homecoming.

Winter Wear/Coat Drive – with Walmart is currently scheduled for November 4th in the McCulloch Cabin from 10 am – 12 pm. We will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats and gloves in October to donate to the members of our community who need them. We will have collection bins set up in our office and at Walmart South.

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

June 17, 2025 6 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

1. CALL TO ORDER- Brad Marshall called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All stood for the Pledge

3. ROLL CALL- Present were Brad Marshall, Shannon Powers, Mark Earvin, James Lutton, and Chandra Parks.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY BOARD MINUTES-

Mark Earvin motioned for the approval of the May minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Shannon Powers.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Carl Malone, Superintendent

We've been playing catch up with our mowing activities as we had a couple of mowers down and it took longer than expected to get the repairs made. We were down two mowers but we've caught back up. We've just been going through all of the parks catching up on weed eating and mowing. We have a weed eating team of four that's been very helpful in helping us beautify all our parks.

For mowing, with all of the rain it has kind of delayed us a little bit but we're ok. From time to time we might get a call about a specific park but we're normally able to get to the park by the end of the day.

Other than that, we've made some minor repairs. As the teams are out in the parks there are things that pop up that are minor that either need to be removed or we can fix it on site. Some of our playground equipment is in need of repairs so we've had some visual reviews by some of our employees. We're in the process with MidWest Metals to fix a few things at Westside Park and there was a call in today about Heekin Park playground equipment and we're trying to get that fixed. In the meantime, we normally tape it off with yellow caution tape but that doesn't always last very long. If it continues before we can get it repaired, we go with the orange fencing until we can get in a better place with fixing the apparatus.

Westside Park

We had a good weekend with a little rain. It was the kickoff for the Skate Park and we had a lot of people out there. We had Board members come out to take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony and there's been lots of comments from people stating they are happy with it being open. We still have some cosmetic work to be done and handle our signage. We want to make sure everyone knows the rules and believe those who will be out there, care about the park. The Mayor and some of the people from his office were out there as well. We would like to thank them and the City Council members who showed up as we had a good showing from the city.

We have completed the major sewer line repair as well as well as the restrooms which had been closed. Those bathrooms are now open and we are good to go.

Renovation work on the baseball diamond will begin soon. The power source box for the score board will be going in soon. We've already started to turn the field and then we will start looking at lights and other things. We've been getting calls from teams regarding having league play, so we want to get that diamond ready for use. It's been down for so many years but our plan is to get it going pretty soon.

The basketball court needs some work. It holds a lot of water when it rains and doesn't drain off. That's a concern for me in terms of being playable. There's some surfacing work and maybe some drainage work that needs to be looked at. I will touch base with the City Engineer to see what he thinks, then with Sanitation since they have expertise in water runoff to see what the best practice for that will be. Then get that court resurfaced.

Between the Skate Park, the basketball court and getting the baseball diamond going, I think Westside park will be very attractive to people as they drive down Batavia.

Riverview Park

The sanitation line repair work has been completed by Sewer Maintenance. We're waiting for the restrooms which have been bid out but I don't have a time line yet. There shouldn't be any work for the Parks Department to do as far as the water supply to the restrooms. That's what was communicated to me from Adam, City Engineer.

The baseball field is currently being used for kickball by the small kids and the daycares in the neighborhood. We have the field looking nice and need to put down the lines and bases and it will be good to go. We've turned the field and done some weed eating as well.

Cooley Park

The timers had to be reset on the lights as they were staying on per the initial neighborhood request to keep them on due to having a lot of activity over there. The lights were there more for a safety concern.

The swing set has had some repair work done and we are waiting to hear back from the playground company about ordering some repair parts.

We also painted the building which had some graffiti on it. Our summer interns were out there last week and it has been removed and painted over and looks how it did before.

The splash pad is running. We ordered a new push button for the splash pad and the part we received was a six prong and we needed a five prong. Upon trying to reorder we were notified all of the splash pads are going to the six-prong system, so the other parks will eventually have to have new buttons. Our plan is to order more to already have them on hand to replace as needed. The tech from Vortex came out, was on site and met with our field team as we thought it was the wrong part. Chris will reach out to him to see if we can get him back out here in the next few days to replace that park.

Thomas Park

The same company doing the restrooms at Riverview will be doing the restrooms at Thomas. Hopefully they will be installed soon as bids are out on both of them. We hope work on both can start simultaneously as both of those parks have been waiting for a while for those restrooms.

The splash pad is operational. We were waiting on some parts that were ordered in May and those parts finally came in. We've had some minor contact with some kids and their parents regarding the use of the apparatus out there and how to use them safely.

The basketball court is outdated and needs some work. We're trying to figure out if it's best to take it out or wait to see if we can put it in the five-year plan to replace it as it's very old. I think it needs a renovated overhaul of the backboards and the court surfacing.

The Ross Center has requested to use the baseball field. I gave him the code and we should all be getting together to discuss the baseball diamond as there seems to be some interest in the use of the diamonds again which is a good thing.

Tuhey Pool

We did open up with some challenges for Memorial Day but we were able to work through them. We've had some calls to Tuhey regarding safety and some police calls. We've met in the Mayor's office concerning Tuhey's as the hours have been changed. We're going to meet tomorrow to discuss ongoing best practices as we have comments coming in from the community but right now it is about a safety concern for all. We are going to look at those changes we've made and continue to be in dialogue with the legal team and police department. I was there yesterday with Chief Sloan and the YMCA Director to speak about how to deal with altercations and how to remove those involved. There could be some more changes but right now we're just starting with the hours (12 - 4 pm), age groups and amount of people allowed in at a time (300 -400). We'll make changes as we need as the main thing is to keep the community safe.

Brad asked if there were any additional questions for Carl, and Shannon inquired if the lawn mowers had been fixed and Carl replied they have. Shannon asked if the signage was up at the Skate Park and Carl replied not yet but he would check on them. Shannon

asked how many times have we repaired the Thomas bathroom since Carl has been Superintendent and Carl replied 6 – 8 times. The new business that has opened over there has been another set of eyes over there and they noted the activity is high around 11 pm which he has mentioned to the Chief of MPD. Shannon asked if there has been discussion about not repairing it and just closing it out since some parks don't have bathrooms at all. Carl said he understands the new bathroom will be prison style with the toilets being unable to be pulled out the wall. Shannon inquired if the main purpose of having a bathroom because we have a splash pad there and Carl said it is.

Brad asked if there were any additional questions for Carl, and there were none.

6. PARKS PROGRAMMING/EVENTS – Carl Malone, Superintendent

We kicked off our Summer Intern Program at Northside Middle School with 110 youth. Nikki, Shannon and DeDee Walker have been very instrumental in the program and making sure all the paperwork is documented. Whitely Community Council became our fiscal body to oversee the budget and the City was in support of them coming on board. We are very thankful to have Whitely Community Council and the City enter into a contract for the summer program. Fox 59 aired a segment about the program. They came out to Heekin Park and interviewed some of the youth and I about the program. It was a good plug for Muncie and the program. Our team has been working with MITS who has been very supportive in providing transportation to and from our sites. Shannon has reached out to some other local businesses to add sites where our youth can work. We're thankful for the program and for the City supporting the program.

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Summer Programming with the YMCA and Shannon putting together the Learn to Swim program which is very important. Shannon added they started the program yesterday and they have 116 participants. It is a partnership between the City of Muncie Parks and Recreation and Cardinal Swim Club through some research grants she received as a faculty member at Ball State University. We started yesterday and had a full house. Over the course of 8 weeks and 16 lessons which are 45 minutes long, we will be able to teach 116 people. We have children, teens and adults. Our oldest participant is 70 years old and I am most excited about our older adults who are coming back to learn to swim.

We will be starting our Baseball and Softball clinics put on by Randy O'Connor and The Barn Academy. Baseball clinics start on the 23rd and run every Monday from 9 – 11 am at Gainbridge Field. Softball clinics start on the 24th and run every Tuesday from 9 – 11 am. Carl stated he has been taking flyers around town and to the day cares to get a nice cross section of youth to take part in the clinics.

I will start basketball at the end this month or latter part of July. It will be free for the kids to have a little bit of competition. Elementary and Middle school youth are the target groups. And we will finish in August with a back to school youth tournament.

Shannon added we also have Aqua Zumba which started a week ago at Tuhey. Attendance has been great and it is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm. We've also been discussing have Drool in the Pool again at the end of the summer season at Tuhey.

Carl stated we have quite a bit of activities going on. This past weekend was a great weekend to be part of the City parks. There was a lot of activity going on at Tuhey Pool. We had the swim meet that was widely attended and it was really packed. We had the opening at the Skate Park and baseball at Gainbridge on Saturday with the American Legion, and the Juneteenth Celebration at McCulloch Park. We have ongoing Flag Football with 3rd and 11 at Ball Field on Wednesdays, which is going pretty good. We will soon have some community events coming up like kickball, and adult flag football. We just have to work those details out but I think we will have a pretty complete summer.

Trunk or Treat will be October 18th at Heekin Park. We will have a backback giveaway at McCulloch Park on July 22nd at 10 am in collaboration with WalMart South. We will also have a coat giveaway with WalMart on November 4th.

PARKS EVENT APPROVALS: Carl presented three events for Board approval. The audio for this portion is not available due to a technical glitch.

Southside Neighborhood Association – requesting the use of Cooley Park on August 26, 2025 from 3 – 7 pm for their 4th Annual Mark Kinman Family Fun Day. It is a free event to bring together the community. They expect 150 – 200 people and security will be provided. We will reach out to food trucks again this year if the event is approved by the Board.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Southside Neighborhood Association – requesting the use of Ball Corp Field on October 28, 2025 for their kickball event. It is a free event to bring together local heroes and neighbors. They expect 75 – 100 people and security will be provided by MPD, Delaware County Sheriffs and others. We will provide food but there will not be vendors. The only thing they are asking for is the use of the baseball markers for the kickball game.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Shepherd's Heart & Hands – would like to use McCulloch Park basketball court area as the base for their Walk & Pray Citywide event on August 9th from 9 am to 12 pm. They are requesting the use of stage with a waiver.

Brad stated he would entertain a motion for approval with the current fee structure in place for the stage. Shannon put forth the motion and Mark seconded the motion.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

There were no other events submitted for approval.

Brad asked if there had been a report or update on the East Central NHA concert event at Washington Park on June 11th. Carl stated he wasn't sure since Nikki was out. Brad stated he hadn't heard anything positive or negative about the event. Brad stated he was comfortable approving the additional dates contingent on a review of the event by Carl or Nikki as he would hate to not approve it and they had a successful first event.

James motioned for the approval and it was seconded by Chandra.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

7. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Tawny Hill, P.C. Asst. Supervisor

Tawny stated they've been very busy out there and have had some awesome events. AmVet Post #12 had their event and raised \$5,000 for the veterans and the Just Jeepin Event was held last weekend. I was able to make it to both and they were incredible and a lot of fun. This was the second year for the Jeep event which we moved from the beach parking lot to the airplane field and it was awesome. There was plenty of room and room to grow.

We've been planning for Iron Man and Ron Bonham Day and Carl has been helping a lot with a lot of the things I haven't done before and didn't know how to handle. He's been teaching me a lot and I really appreciate it.

Carl and Kellie have been out to meet the new staff members, seasonal workers and security team as we prepare for Iron Man. Shannon helped me with lifeguards to prep for that and I've been working with all of their team members. For Ron Bonham Days we've been learning the health codes to keep traffic down, working to keep track of the number of people inside the campgrounds using a clicker to try to keep those numbers down. We will probably stop letting vehicles in at a certain time. I've been working with Muncie Fire Department and will have an off-road ambulance inside the campgrounds and an ambulance on site at the beach area for support due to the increase of people.

We've preparing for me to go out on leave. I'll be preparing everyone for when I am out and making sure everyone has the necessary contact information. I have all of the girls doing little pieces of my job instead of expecting one person to learn it all really fast. We have multiple staff members stepping up that will take on certain things.

We've got internet down at the beach so we can start taking credit and debit cards for concessions. We were behind the times with only taking cash but yesterday IT was able to install the internet. The staff has been training on how to use the system.

Brad asked if anyone had any questions and James asked how many people are allowed in the campground and how are you going to monitor it especially since some people have campsites and boats. We will be reminding people the limit allowed at the campsite is 10. One of the girls has printed off the numbers based on acreage to figure out how many people are allowed in there. We should have the information to give out by the end of the week. James mentioned it is one of our busiest weekends and Tawny replied we just want to keep the traffic down to prevent blockage and any issues. James stated we don't want to have the issues we had last year and Tawny replied they will probably close down one gate. James added last year the Fire Department asked for that gate to be open and that was the problem with getting that ambulance in last year as the gate was locked. Tawny stated the Police Department asked for that gate to be closed due to the large number of people. The Police Department has in the past handled traffic and the goal is to avoid issues, jams, and accidents. We will have someone at the gate to open and close it as needed. This year we will be able to talk via walkie talkies with MPD, MFD and EMT's instead of calling all over looking for the right person. She will be the point of contact for her team and everyone has the contact information for each department. Tawny added she will be coordinating with MPD and MFD regarding traffic and the closure or opening of gates. James expressed concerned over cutting off at a particular number as campsite leaseholders often have family members come down and that might impact them. Tawny stated she isn't trying to keep anyone from their site. Her concern is people parking along the road making it so people can't get in and out. Brad asked Tawny where the overflow parking would be as he believed it would be at the office, the normal parking lot, and the airplane lot and she confirmed those spots. Shannon suggested having parking information available for campers and Tawny replied them and their guests will be let in to the site. The concern is for those who park on the road.

James stated on Saturday night someone came out and was doing doughnuts by the playground. Clinton Hornbeck and his son went over there Sunday morning to clean up and helped make repairs, so he wanted to shout them out publicly. Tawny added a lot of people have been giving her information about things happening around the park. The bathrooms have been getting destroyed and thanks to the campers we were informed who was destroying them. We had teenage girls put a bunch of socks into the toilets and we had to have staff come out on a Saturday night and it took about two hours to fix it because it was overflowing. The campers have been doing pretty well, giving me feedback on what's going on and we've been addressing it. We contact them by phone, we keep track of those phone calls on a log, we write them letters as well, which get put in their files. If you've broken three rules, we're going to start addressing it with legal and will probably remove you.

Tawny stated she and Carl would start reaching out and contacting them. James mentioned the notices for the water issue was given with short notice but everyone got a notice on their door. Then campers started calling each other. Tawny stated the campground one has never failed before and we didn't want to leave anyone drinking bad water for a week. So, it had to be short notice in order to get that taken care of. Tawny apologized for the short notice but didn't want people drinking bad water. They came back to retest and it tested good.

Tawny had three events for approval.

Celebration of Life - The first is during Ron Bonham Days. They reserved the beach shelter and the reason they are asking for it is because there will be like 50 - 100 people for this Celebration of Life. The only thing they are asking for is an extra trash can but there will already be extras out for the event.

Brad asked what's the time on their event and Tawny replied it is 10 am – 7 pm. Brad inquired on which day and Tawny replied on July 5th. Shannon asked if they will have any vendors and Tawny replied they will not. They are bringing their own food. Shannon asked if it is a rentable space and Tawny stated it is. Brad asked if they already completed the rental forms and this is just the for excess capacity and Tawny replied it is. Shannon asked if we will have parking that day for this event and Tawny replied it will be full but they are aware of that. Tawny added the concert is down there. James added as long as we have overflow parking at the airplane field it should be fine. Due to all that's going on that day, Shannon asked if we could ask them to reschedule and Tawny stated she can ask them. James stated it's going to be packed either way and Shannon stated it's adding additional people. Brad stated he had the same concerns however they have already reserved the shelter. So, if we don't formally approve their event, and they still have their event what are we tasking Tawny, Security and the team to do. Tawny stated that area isn't typically super busy during that time. Shannon stated she would like to revoke their shelter rental. James asked if the other shelters are rented and Tawny said they are. Brad stated it would have to be unilateral and we agree that possibly moving forward on all holiday and large event weekends the shelters shouldn't be reservable. That's a discussion for a later time. Mark asked on the shelter reservation what is the capacity and Tawny stated she believes it is 25-40. Brad added the official number is 40. Mark asked what number they stated on their event and Tawny replied 50 – 100 but she doesn't know if it's a come and go situation or everyone there all at once. Shannon asked Brian (security) what he thinks and Brian stated the beach area does get full during this event and this is adding more in that area. He said since it's a Celebration of Life, possibly they can be out by 4 pm. Mark asked if they know all of what is going on that day and if notified they may want to change the date.

Brad asked if there were any other questions from the Board and there were none. He stated he would entertain a motion to approve the Celebration of Life event from 10 am – 3 pm and provide them with details of the day in case they want to reschedule location or a later date.

Chandra presented a motion for approval and Shannon seconded the motion.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Baptism – Multiple churches and pastors coming together. She doesn't have an exact number and thinks it will grow but at least 40 people. They're wanting the beach area on July 12, 2025. Tawny stated this event will need to be reschedule because of Iron Man.

Fall Creek Valley Bass Masters Fishing Tournament – August 22, 2025 There will be eight boats and they aren't asking for anything. They've done it before and have

insurance. They don't need security and are just asking to be allowed on the water from 9 pm – 6 am. Shannon inquired if they've held it before and Tawny replied yes. Shannon asked if they purchase boat passes and Tawny replied they do.

Brad asked if there were any other questions from the Board and there were none.

James presented a motion for approval and Mark seconded the motion.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Chandra asked if we have enough lifeguards trained for both the Y and Prairie Creek and Shannon replied she is helping Tawny recruit for Prairie Creek.

8. FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE CREEK – Charlene Moore

Charlene announced Jackie has stepped down and the new president stated she's getting up to speed and maybe by the next meeting will have more. She states she's very hands on and wants to do more activities for the kids. She has spoken to security about doing some things for the kids over the 4th of July/Ron Bonham day weekend. She would also like to have more activities for the older people out there as well. Maybe a string plane or kite day. Possibly a cornhole day as well. She would also like to cut down on the negativity and direct people to the right sources. If there is an issue or complaint about your site, submit a work order to the office. She would also encourage people to stop the negativity on social media and go to the office to work through issues. Shannon asked if she will be managing their FB page and Charlene replied she received the credentials and is figuring it all out. Brad asked her to reach out to Tawny and the staff regarding events.

Charlene mentioned this morning "George" came up missing, Karlie mentioned he was missing and another person commented her daughter found him over the weekend after hours. The kids really love Curious George and the hunt for him. The kids love looking for George. Maybe we can have prizes for the adults to look for on their golf carts.

Brad thanked her and stated they look forward to continue working together.

Delaware County Just Jeepin - Brian Griffin

The event was last weekend. We raised \$4,500 and have already given the check to American Vets across the street. They were very appreciative. We had about 100 cars and 25 vendors. Everyone really liked the food truck selections we had out there. There was a lot of good feedback. He thanked the Board for this second year of putting on the event without any issues and everyone enjoyed themselves.

9. OLD BUSINESS –

Brad announced we've got several old business items, some of which have already been discussed.

Tuhey Security Update – an email was shared with the Board. Everyone knows he took place in an emergency meeting last week that included the Mayor, YMCA, and the Chief of Police to address the incident last week. That's where the new times and rules came from and there's a follow up meeting this week to review that and to see where we go from here. Security down there is a concern and continues to be an issue. It's something we have to address and manage.

Brad asked if there was any discussion or thoughts on the matter from the Board. Chandra asked if we have security during those hours. Brad stated we started the season with Security on site but there were some issues working through the contract with the legal team and we were unable to get that solidified. There was a stint in which there wasn't on site security and the direction was to escalate any issues to Muncie PD. That's what occurred last week when we had the issue. There was a response time involved. The current procedure is we have off duty officers on site during all open hours at this time. That is something we are going to evaluate as we move forward and continue. Shannon added it needs to be planned for every year like we plan for the chemicals for the pool.

Mark added Tuhey is a great opportunity and also a great challenge because of the facility. We need to look at maintenance, upkeep and what works for security. I think the whole team is committed to starting in February of next year so we can have it all ready to go. Everyone pulled it together at the last minute this year. We had some bumps and we've gotten through them, I think the rest of the summer will be successful. It is a challenge as pools are expensive. Chemicals are expensive. Valves, the plumbing, a lot of stuff people don't realize and we're looking at all of it.

Brad asked if there were any other questions from the Board and Chandra asked where we landed on the cameras. Brad replied he is still here and we now have security at Heekin. We can jump into Park Security and shuffle the agenda a little bit.

Park Security – Carl stated we do have cameras that can visualize part of our pool, mainly the pool area by the fence. In speaking with Chief Sloan a few days ago, he asked about the camera and if there's something we can add to it that would give a little more safety at Tuhey. I do have Sam from SecurityPros here and he can speak about it.

Sam stated yesterday they got the two initial cameras at Heekin installed at the recommendation of my implementation team we added a third as a complimentary freebie to watch the internet line which we got fixed as well. I'm working with Carl and Chief Sloan and the detectives' team to get them a view of that long-term as well, so Carl doesn't have to try and get it to them. As incidents occur they can go directly to that footage instead of having to go through Carl.

Sam stated he shared a proposal for Tuhey that he has with him or can email it over to Nikki to share with the Board. It should take no more than three cameras to cover Tuhey Pool. We've discussed the virtual guard on two of the cameras watching the offices and concession area. He wasn't sure if the Board wants to add that to the pool section. Sam asked if the current issue was fights during the day and Brad replied it is. Sam stated he has proposals that could cover those issues and Brad asked he get that to Carl or Nikki to distribute to the Board. Brad said there are two different animals we are trying to

fight. The afterhours security and the onsite security. The short-term solution is to have onsite security during the operating hours. That's the forecast for the foreseeable future. Sam added there is a plan to have cameras on the playground area, across the street and parking lot as well as there have been issues there.

Sam asked if there were any additional questions and Brad asked if the system at Heekin is live now and Sam stated it was installed yesterday. We're working with the detective's IT team about the firewall and our team members will be contacting them along the way to get them set up with access. Chandra asked if that includes the auto-lock of the bathroom doors and Sam replied the proposal covers just cameras. It was included in the one for Cooley but it was declined for now and pushed to possibly next year.

Chandra asked if we got the increases needed on the budget pushed through and Brad replied that hasn't come up yet. Chandra added to keep pace with our programming department which is doing an amazing job in doing more activities which attracts outside elements. To keep pace with that it would be wise for us to make that investment in our parks in general. It's costing us more to deal with the unnecessary drama than to invest in that security and keep up with all of the attraction being drawn to us. I think we need to push that and put it into consideration. Brad added we've talked about security a lot and everyone on the Board and Carl are in support of that. He would like to have a review and discussion of the budget at the July meeting to see if they see any gaps they can help Carl with before he goes before the Council. Shannon stated we also need to have some budget lines added for items like security.

Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Carl discussed it in the Superintendent's report. Brad appreciates the Board members that made it out as it sounds like it was a great event. He had another commitment that day and was unable to make it.

Brad asked if there was any other discussion about the event and Chandra added it has been very busy since it opened. Shannon added she needs to send a final report to the Community Foundation because they gave us a \$40,000 grant for some additional features. She should have that completed by the next meeting and will present it to the Board as well.

Splash Pad Repairs – Brad stated he believes all of those were highlighted in the Superintendent's Report.

Summer Internship Program – Brad stated this was discussed and asked if Shannon had anything to add. She stated there are four more weeks to go and thank you to all of our partners. Brad asked if there was anything needed or additional partners they are looking for and Shannon replied she believes Nikki, Carl, DeDee and I have a good plan going and the program is growing.

Chandra asked if they could clarify something for her about the application process and if it began in January this year and Shannon replied yes and into March at the Walker Center. Chandra asked if it went well and Shannon replied it went very well. Brad added we had job building event in January as the kick off. Shannon added we had 140 applicants.

10. NEW BUSINESS –

Brad stated we discussed security installation at Heekin and asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Prairie Creek Key Coded Bathrooms- Tawny stated they are still discussing how they will manage it. They have a few ideas but are trying to figure out how to distribute the codes, how to do it with the weekend people and training the staff. Brad asked her to speak with Sam to have him come out and see what he can suggest. Tawny said they may stick with the fobs.

Anthony Park – Brad stated this is really old business from the bond. We have not had any updates lately but there has been some motion there lately. Carl stated he had a conversation equipment in the Mayor's office last week talking about the reorganization of Anthony Park NHA and their ARP money. A couple of years ago they changed leadership within the organization and now they are going to have the old Anthony School as their park. He knows the equipment has been ordered but there has been no discussion about the installation of the new playground equipment. In the upcoming weeks we will discuss a timeline regarding the removal of the old equipment and installation of the new equipment. Shannon asked who is the Project Manager on that project and Carl replied it is Dustin Clark as he knows it. Shannon asked if we can invite him to give a presentation to the Board. She doesn't like that there hasn't been any communication with the Board about the project which she knows isn't on Carl. Mark said this will help avoid the issues we had at Riverview.

Shannon stated when Tillpond is created and then Anthony is up and running in 2026, these will be our 33rd and 34th parks. Carl added that's why we need to review the budgets. Brad added he doesn't know if we added Storer in the original numbers so that might be up to 35th.

11. ACTION ITEMS

Brad asked if there were any action items from the Board. or event approvals and there were no names on the list.

Carl stated there was a meeting with the water company about Prairie Creek and there should be an update on that soon. Brad added there should be an update at the July meeting. James asked if there are meetings outside of here before July and Brad stated he believes the Mayor has met with the water company but he doesn't know how that's gone or what the feedback has been.

Brad asked if there were any action items or event approvals from the public as he sees a few names.

Dave Herbert of ARK Muncie – we do outreach to people without homes. We provide water, remove trash from camps, and one tool we've developed with the help of Kyle from Emergency Management are maps which helps people be more independent and self-reliant. He would like to get these maps out to everyone and will be talking to libraries, soup kitchens, etc. and wanted to know if Parks had spaces that they could put

these maps. Brad asked if there are areas they think it would be best to put them and Dave said the park next to Marion Hunt Library and places around town like that.

There was discussion in the galley but it wasn't picked up by the mic.

Dave said the more places he can get the maps posted the more empowerment for people to be self-reliant.

There were no additional names on the list but Carl stated there was a young man that wanted to speak.

William Taylor – discussed his journey into skateboarding during Covid.

Audio ends. Unable to transcribe the remainder of his discussion.

12. PUBLIC INPUT – Please limit time to 3 minutes.

Audio ended during William Taylor speaking. Unable to transcribe the remainder of the meeting.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for July 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**