

**Park Committee Meeting Report
Tuesday June 17th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Park Chair Ashley Sarauer at 5:00 p.m.

Answering Roll Call were: Vice Chair Tiffany Goodremote, Secretary Shannon Berg, and Public Works Garrett Larson. Absent was Gary Pitts. Also present were Village Treasurer-Deputy Clerk (TDC) Teresa Dachel, Administrator-Clerk-Deputy Treasurer (ACDT) Bradley Hanson, and Dan North from the New Auburn American Legion Post #267 (AL).

There were no public comments.

ACDT Hanson updated the Wetland Delineation in Village Park, they will be back on Wednesday or Thursday of this week to inspect again. Once they have what they need, they will provide us with a findings report, and we can then proceed from there.

AL North provided an update on the Veteran's Memorial. They have been walking through the park in search of alternative sites for this. In case the delineation does not allow the original site plan, they have decided to wait and see what the report says. They are on a time crunch, but have a plan in place for the dedication time.

The park bathroom update was presented by TDC Dachel. The frost wall is up, and we are waiting on the plumber to return to finish the plumbing, so that the foundation, insulation, and fill can be finished. Once that is all done, the finisher can come in and get building the bathroom. Everything is weather permitting.

The Kitchen cabinets have all been ordered from Hetch's in Boyd; they are 2 – 4 weeks out, so with that, we are hopeful to have them all anchored in before Jamboree Days.

ACDT Hanson provided an update on the United Way Born Learning Trail, with the construction in the park, all the signs were removed and stored until completion once we have the new trail completed, it will be placed along that for families to enjoy once again.

Fundraising – The rummage sale netted \$1,756.00 towards our park grant matching funds. The Kentucky Derby fundraiser that was held at Max's at the Lake in May is bringing in between \$3,200 - \$3,600 plus another \$2,000 on a quilt raffle board. Once all the squares are sold, we will get all the money in hand, giving us another rough \$5,000 to add to the matching funds.

ACDT Hanson provided an update on the Rural Economic Development Loan Grant Program (REDLG) Loan through Citizens Connected, to supplement us in meeting our grant funds to complete our updates in the Park. They could offer us \$150,000 @ 4% for 10 years or \$150,000 @ 3% for eighth (8) years. Consensus of the Park Committee was to go back to Citizens with some additional questions – is there a pre-pay penalty, and is there an option of flexible interest? Hanson will contact Dennis at Citizens and come back with some answers.

Discussed other fundraising ideas – Roxie Gravunder has asked if we could sell pop and water on Sunday of Jamboree Days to help those out who were doing pie and ice cream. The consensus of the Board was No. Chairman Ashley will contact Gravunder and let her know.

Chairman Ashley asked about the old Lions Club sign that is at the Village Hall; she would like to take it home and refinish it. The finished sign will then go inside the big pavilion.

The next Park Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at Village Hall.

Motion by Vice Chairman Goodremote to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m., seconded by Secretary Berg.
Motion carried 4-0.

Signed: Shannon Berg
Shannon Berg, Park Committee Secretary and Village President