

**FORT CALHOUN PARKS BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM**  
**Fort Calhoun City Hall**

The meeting was called to order by President, Ronee Christensen at 7:00pm.

**Roll Call:**

Board Members: Ronee Christensen, Ed Lautrup, Jerry Barabas, Sunshine Welchert,

Park Commissioner: Nick Schuler

Nonmembers: Lori and Bob Lammers, Kris Richardson, Judy Seaver

**Approval of February minutes Unfinished Business:**

**Old Business**

1. Painting of Gazebo:
  - a. Board discussed options for painting of West Market Square gazebo. Discussed challenge of painting of railing spindles by hand. Felt it would be best done with a professional pain sprayer. Nick has reached out to Jem painting and Gerst painting for estimates. Will seek out additional estimates and will discuss with board at next meeting.
  
2. Lettering for W Market Square Sign:
  - a. Board reviewed metal lettering designs for West Market Square park sign from Kreco Metal Fabrication. Board preferred design with letters that sit inside the frame of the upper triangle of sign. Nick will get price from Kreco on that design. Bob Lammers mentioned the overhangs on the side of the sign could be a hazard for people if they walk past them. Nick will explore how this could be remedied.
  
3. Update from Nick on W Market Square park improvements
  - a. Board discussed grading, sidewalk, and other work. Thought updates looked good. Tony Neuman will be wielding front plate of sign in the next few weeks. Now that grading project is complete, board will be looking at design for potent.

**New Business:**

4. Discuss park walk thru
  - a. Comment that parks are in good shape overall. The items noted in walk through are listed below, and were sent to Nick Schuler and Bruce Sill
    - i. West Market Square-  
Plugs for the holes on the blue slide that is on the West side of the playground.  
More gravel around blue playground, and also at the swinging gate.
    - ii. Baseball/Softball Complex-  
Both items are at the enclosure west of the softball field/parking lot. New Trash cans. At least one of them is waring through on the bottom and needs replaced.  
There is a large nail sticking out of the wood on the East side of the enclosure, on one of the support posts. It is about 6 feet up the post.

iii. Pioneer Park:

There is a swing that appears to have a broken chain, it is just dangling. Pressure wash the top cover near the highest slide, pressure wash the backside of the 3 lane wavy orange slide.

5. Discuss Secretary position

- a. Election of Secretary put on hold until next meeting. Ronee and Nick will be suggesting Kris Richardson, Rachel Butterbaugh as appointees to mayor for Parks Board. Hoping that by the next meeting having new board members appointed will provide more options for Secretary position.

Public Comments:

6. Tree replacement:

- a. One of the trees near the south Fort Calhoun welcome sign needs to be replaced. Judy Seaver volunteered to do the work of planting a new Fat Albert Blue Spruce in its place. Ed Lautrap made a motion and Ronee seconded for Judy Seaver to plant the new tree using \$150 dollars from park budget. All in attendance voted I for the tree to be replaced.

**Closed Meeting at 7:56pm**