

**FORT CALHOUN PARKS BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 7, 2017
Fort Calhoun City Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Park Board President Kris Richardson.

Kris referenced the Open Meetings Law Compliance.

Roll Call:

Board Members: Jerry Barabas, Ed Lauthrup, Bob Lammers, Kris Richardson

Absent: Rachel Butterbaugh, Sunshine Welchert, Park Commissioner Nick Schuler

Approval of August Minutes was moved by Jerry Barabas and seconded Ed Lauthrup. All members voted Aye.

Unfinished Business:

1. Park Board Facebook:
 - a. A page was discussed as a method for communication. Additional needs for park facility scheduling/reservations were brought up by community member Jeanne Knight. Board members agreed these were necessary and need further discussion.
 - b. Ed also suggested that park use rules need to be addressed and posted.
 - c. Jerry suggested adding back signage previously present regarding cleaning up after dogs in West Market Square Park.
2. West Market Square Gazebo Painting Status and Color Selection:
 - a. Work Status: Contractor has started prep for painting project.
 - b. Paint options provided by the contractor were reviewed. Color durability and overall appearance compared to neighboring houses was considered. Ed Lauthrup made a motion to choose "white" as the color and Jerry Barabas seconded. All members voted Aye.
 - c. Jeanne Knight spoke about the decorative metal fixtures at the top of the gazebo and how painting them and around them should be handled. The fixtures likely need to be removed for the painting project anyways and she offered to have them coated/painted at no charge. The color choice would be for Park Board review at a later time.
3. Design Options for West Market Square Fire Pit/Kitchen area.
 - a. Locations and community use ideas were discussed.
 - b. Addressed concern over rain splatter off of the roof of the gazebo and how those solutions could be incorporated into the overall layout of the fire pit placement and design.
 - c. Lighting and power needs to a cooking area were discussed.
 - d. New sidewalk placement based on current foot traffic was explored.

New Business:

1. Signage for the new ballfield entry on Washington Street.
 - a. Discussed ideas. Ed suggested getting input from the Enhancement Committee.
2. Weed/Brush growth in Pioneer Park.
 - a. Ed brought to the board's attention that community members had comments on weed and brush growth on the hillside in Pioneer Park. The hillside of concern is located between the upper level and lower levels of the park which is frequently used by kids to move back and forth between the areas.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm