

**Fort Calhoun Parks Board**  
**September 5, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

1. Kris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Kris Richardson announced the Open Meeting Compliance Act.
3. Roll call:  
Board members Kris Richardson, Sara Ruthven, Jerry Barabas, James Totten, Karli Johnson and Bob Lammers were all in attendance. Amber Pierce and Park Commissioner, John Kelly, were absent.
4. Approval of August Meeting minutes was moved by Jerry, seconded by Sara. All in favor to approve.

**New Business:**

5. Ball field improvements
  - a. Jon Genoways is requesting synthetic turf be placed at home plate on the baseball field. He detailed the impact on maintenance and costs associated with the improvement. Jerry made a motion to show support for the improvement, Karli seconded the recommendation. All were in favor. The board will support efforts to seek funding.
6. Ball field use and fees
  - a. Members reviewed proposed fees for ball diamond usage. Overall field use and city costs were discussed. Board members recommend that a city representative meet with each user group within the community to discuss a way to share costs among the users.

**Unfinished Business**

7. Park enhancement artwork status
  - a. Painting will begin soon for sidewalk art at Pioneer Park
8. Pioneer Court discussion
  - a. Installation of the basketball hoops will start this week. The trees awarded by the "Ten Free Trees" grant will be placed around the new trail between Pioneer Park and Fort Atkinson. Kris will work with city staff to locate those.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

At 8:14 pm, meeting adjournment was motioned by Jerry and seconded by Karli. All in favor.