

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

1/9/2025 4:30-5:32pm

Zoom

Meeting called by:	Derek Barry	Type of meeting:	Forestry & Parks Commission
Facilitator:	Derek Barry	Note taker:	Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Child, Crawford, Gamon, Haase, McCaul
Community Services Manager Derek Barry
Parks Supervisor Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda item:	Approval of the December 12, 2024 meeting minutes	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion: Approved the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting.

Conclusions: **Approved**

Agenda item:	Memorial Policy Discussion	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Staff shared that the City is looking at updating/creating a Memorial/Donation Policy that fits the needs of the park system and city, while providing opportunities for the community to contribute in meaningful and reasonable ways. Goals include: setting guidelines that keep administrative costs, community expectations, current and future donations, conditions, responsibilities in mind.

**General
Comments**

Comments included: plaque or acknowledgment somehow (without constant upkeep/realistic expectations), being explicit on purchasing, installation, upkeep – city, not community/public etc.

Agenda item: General Update Discussion

Staff shared that: Qunell Family Park outreach will be this year. Funding from the budget includes shade structures were funded for RVP & Siebenthaler Park, tree screening and lifter for the Cemetery, the autonomous mower and resistograph for the Parks. The Sk8 Park is closed and would need a complete overhaul due to its age and condition. Concepts and other imagining of what could be offered and where was discussed. Pump tracks, above grade, location etc. Special events and parks use was discussed. Updates are needed to meet the needs of the community while making sense for staff and the community. The Heritage & Hops to be moving forward. Gazebo to be deconstructed soon and eventually moved to Loyalty Park.

**General
Comments**