

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026**

Call to Order

Present: Don Wesely, Beth Rohrich, and Anthony White
Staff: Jennifer Bromeland, Kerry Rausch, and Andrew Hartman

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was presented.

New Business

1. Recap of Holiday Lights Contest

- The 2025 Holiday Lights contest had six entries and two prize categories.
- Discussion included that entrants were slow to register and if there is anything can be done differently to entice entry into the contest. Consensus was to hold the contest again in 2026 and to possibly change the prize structure.
- Holiday lights in trees by the score board were discussed for 2026. Beth Rohrich will check with Kiwanis to learn more about cost and if they would consider purchasing lights for Eagle Lake, which would in turn reimburse them to get bulk purchasing discounts if possible.
- Public Works Director Hartman mentioned the possibility installing permanent lights that can be programmed to different colors at the pavilion that change colors. The pavilion is 130 feet by 30 feet. Govee lights are the best and 200 feet costs about \$600, we would need two sets of lights. Discussion of lighting City Hall also took place. Director Hartman will get pricing for the next meeting so that lights can be installed in the summer.

2. Park Board Vacancies and Meeting Time

- Shane Wendland has submitted his resignation, and Adyson Manske may not be able to meet at this time. Don Wesley will verify her schedule. These two positions will need to be filled.
- Meeting time was discussed with consensus being to move start time to 7:00 a.m. and end at 7:45 a.m. The meeting time was moved to 7:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.
- Clarification of the role of the Park Board needs to be clear for all members and the creation of a mission statement is desired.

3. 2026 Goals - Fraze Park Future Planning Update

- Anthony White reached out to City of Jordan about their ninja warrior park and learned what company purchased equipment from. He is waiting for their catalog to arrive.
- Another option for the park is a skate park. Both options will be expensive, but Park Board members expressed the desire to do something different in this park
- Donations will need to be sought, but a concrete plan must first be developed.
- Administrator Bromeland asked if scaling back the scope of the project would be beneficial and add to it gradually. She also stated the Taylor Family Farm Foundation has added more money to be used for donations and that the City could check to see if this would qualify.
- The volleyball area needs to be graded and seeded.
- Beth Rohrich stated she would like to see the Public Works report in the Council packet include what is planned for the parks.
- Director Hartman stated the edging and chips at Fraze will not be installed until the plans for the park are known.

- Members of the Board were asked to bring the results of their research to the February Park Board meeting.
- Administrator Bromeland stated a small shelter with a couple picnic tables would be a good addition to the park.
- Fraze Park may be a good location for a Veterans Memorial and there may be grant funds available for this.
- Playground companies can assist with the layout of park equipment
- The goal is to have preliminary plans for Fraze Park, along with equipment needed and cost by June to allow for information to be present at Tator Day events and at City events this summer.
- Anthony White will get materials relating to equipment and Public Works Director Hartman will provide contacts to revamp the parking lot and contacts to construct a pavilion. It was also noted to keep the local Lions Club in mind for contributions and involved in this project.

4. Pavilion Landscaping Trip Hazard Update – Andrew Hartman
 - Director Hartman stated his department is working on getting quotes to install gutters around pavilion.
5. Other Items
 - Administrator Bromeland shared a message from Joan Back who could not be present for today's meeting. Joan asked if a concrete slab could be considered for the north side of the pavilion to help with erosion control. She liked the lighting on the Christmas tree, asked if a bench by the park entrance on LeSueur could be added, and if kids could help with up twigs in the park.
 - Staff have not heard from MAYBA recently, their goal is to get lights for ball field. They bought a lawn mower to keep up with mowing. Ballfield is being used a lot.
 - Administrator Bromeland stated that some of the day cares use Rec on the Go. Discussion included the desire to keep Rec on the Go for at least one event and to change it in a way that would attract more youth. Park Board consensus was to use some of the Rec on the Go funds to create events through the City such as the golf event that was at National Night Out.
 - Public Works will be putting wood chips in Eagle Heights Park this year.
 - Tree removal is ongoing and there is a need to treat the trees around the playground for ash borer. Trees are removed and replaced incrementally each year. Director Hartman stated it would be nice to get 6-inch trees installed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk