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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes  
September 11, 2025

1. Roll Call

Present: Marian Collison, Emily Karwoski, Aaron Rasmussen, Seth Williams

Absent: Dennis Lyman, Tessa Simpson, Nic Robinson

City Officials Present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver,  
Communication & Events Coordinator Katie Klus

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

3. Abstentions declared

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Karwoski, seconded by Collison, Board passed.

a. -August 2025 Minutes

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Karwoski, seconded by Rasmussen, board passed.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

7. Presentations

a. -Wolf Creek Basketball/Pickleball Court - Neighborhood Presentation  
Concerns brought to the Board by Wolf Creek residents:

- Is there going to be lighting? No.
- Please add sign listing the open hours and rules/regulations.
- Please ensure that fencing is black. This will align with the HOA's regulations for the neighborhood.

8. Action Items

a. -Interview Parks and Recreation Candidates

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**The board interviewed 3 candidates searching for a candidate to fill Tessa Simpson's vacant position. They are recommending that Mike Mackin be recommended for City Council approval.**

### **Bryan Plants**

- **Background & Experience:**  
20 years of commercial estimating. Has lived in Bondurant for 5–6 years. Interested in serving on other boards in the future.
- **Community Involvement:**  
Volunteer with the Mary Bump Foundation.
- **Parks & Recreation Interests:**
  - Values: Lake Petocka, trails (for kids biking), and City Park.
  - Recreation draws: City Park, Petocka, and a neighborhood park near his home.
  - Missing: Nothing of concern at this time.
- **Board Fit & Skills:**  
Flexible work schedule, making meeting attendance easy. Comfortable de-escalating conflicts and prioritizes the best interest of the city.
- **Entrance Song:** *The Dance* by Garth Brooks.

### **Noah Schulte**

- **Background & Experience:**  
Works at FEH Design, lives in Bondurant, has a child. Wants to be part of Bondurant's growth through Parks & Recreation.
- **Community Involvement:**  
Chamber of Commerce member; values networking and staying informed about local developments.
- **Parks & Recreation Interests:**

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- Values: City Park, splash pad, Eagle Park trail.
- Excited about new amenities like the Frisbee Golf Course.
- Missing: Opportunities to shape growth, especially in Central and Grain District areas.
- **Board Fit & Skills:**  
Scheduling should not be an issue. Handles multiple opinions by listening, staying professional, and being open to citizen concerns.
- **Entrance Song:** *Thunderstruck.*

#### **Mike Mackin**

- **Background & Experience:**  
Bondurant resident since 2018. Marketing background. Has two boys and frequently uses parks. Interested in contributing to the city's growth.
  - **Community Involvement:**  
Not formally involved but regularly attends local events (Summerfest is a favorite).
  - **Parks & Recreation Interests:**
    - Values: City Park, Lake Petocka (especially for bike rides).
    - Missing: Strong management of growth and differing community opinions.
  - **Board Fit & Skills:**  
Scheduling not an issue. Experienced working in teams with conflicting priorities; values transparency.
  - **Entrance Song:** *Return of the Mack.*
- b. -Discussion regarding temporary lights at the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex Soccer Fields  
The board recommends that the lights not be used after 10pm and directed downward to not adversely affect the nearby homes.
- c. -Consideration of Bondurant Soccer Club Lease Extension

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There was consensus about extending and/or creating a new long-term lease.

- d. -Public Art Evaluation and Policy Discussion  
Recommendation for public art policy - Williams motioned, Rasmussen seconded, Board passed  
Recommendation for the location and installation of Eye of Imagination - Williams motioned, Rasmussen seconded, Board passed
  - e. -Grain Silo Art RFQ  
Recommendation for passage of Grain Silo Art RFQ: motioned Rasmussen, seconded Williams, Board passed
9. Reports and Comments:  
Marketa Oliver: Awards were won at 3CMA and the Iowa Chapter of the APA. We are awaiting a decision by the Destination Iowa board regarding a grant for Silo Commons.

Katie Klus:

- Bondu Spooktacular - Oct. 18th from 2-4pm. Hocus Pocus being shown that evening at 6.45pm at The Depot.
- Trick or Treat night is Oct. 25th from 6-8, per city code.
- Business Safe Trick or Treat will be on the last Wednesday of October at the Farmer's Market.
- Cribbage Tournament & Touch-a-Truck event reports will be included in the October Parks and Rec Board Mtg.
- I will be coordinating with the cub scouts and girl scouts to install native plants around the Park Side and Eagle Park stormwater ponds, thanks to a grant from the Iowa DNR, on Oct. 11th.

10. Adjournment

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Katie Klus  
Communication and Events Coordinator

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Dennis Lyman  
Board Chair