

## Parks and Recreation Minutes

10/13/2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacie Fahey. Present were Kacie Fahey, Lisa Klemmensen, Josh Lindren, AB Morales, Tanya Borchardt, Nicole Bower, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

City Council approved the Empire plow truck to attend the Trunk or Treat event. Kacie has offered to hand out candy if needed and to keep an eye on the event as a Park and Rec ambassador in the afternoon. The Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11:00am to 1:00 pm at Stelzel Fields.

Tanya and Amanda will work with Dawn to consolidate the various Empire Facebook pages into one account. From there, they'll set up moderator accounts to allow them to post Parks and Rec content directly to help save Dawn and Charlie time.

A Brighter Image has agreed to donate time and lights to decorate our tree for the Holiday Tree Lighting event. The Committee has requested multi-colored lights and we'll need to provide a tree topper. Kacie will MC the event and Mayor Melanie Lee will do the dedication.

Kacie is waiting to hear back from FHS to see if any choirs are available and Tanya will check with Homestead Church, too. Farmer Aaron, from Brand Farms, has agreed to donate 5 gallons of Apple Cider for the event. Dawn will check the feasibility of having a fire pit at the event.

Tanya will report back on the availability of face painters for the Holiday party in November once their other obligations have been confirmed. Jill has accepted the role of Mrs. Claus, Jamie has agreed to donate cookies, and Dawn has confirmed Blue Nose. Kacie will search for a new craft to add to the table.

The Commission will review the 2026 fee schedule and future improvement planning for Stelzel Fields at a 2026 meeting.

After a life-threatening medical event at a ballgame in a neighboring city, it was recommended that Empire stock an AED unit somewhere in the city should an event occur here. The Commission was in favor of adding this life saving equipment. Dawn will reach out to multiple vendors to price out the equipment.

The meeting was adjourned.