

Park and Recreation Minutes

November 29th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacie Fahey, Lisa Klemmesen, Josh Lindgren, Tanya Borchardt, Nicole Bower, Eric Hanson, Mark Paige and Dawn McCracken.

The first annual Empire Holiday Tree Lighting was a success! There were 65 people that attended tonight's event which included a bonfire, festive music, cider, sweet treats, and ornament making all which led to the tree lighting.

This year's holiday lights & decorating was

donated by local company A Brighter Image. The apple cider was donated by local company Brand Farms.

Next year, we'll need a second firepit and a Bluetooth speaker as the speaker we use for announcement is not Bluetooth compatible. We'll need additional treats next year as the 84-cookie pack was almost empty at the end of the evening. Roughly 2 of 5 gallons of cider were used, with the other 3 being held for the Holiday Party next weekend. For future, we'll check the feasibility of reusable signs as the sandwich boards get wet in winter snow.

The FHS Band will be closing the Empire Sunday Night Entertainment schedule on Sunday, August 23rd, 2026.

The Committee should arrive for the Empire Holiday Party set-up this Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 PM. They should then arrive for set-up on Saturday, December 6th at 9:00 AM. The party will follow from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and all are welcome. Committee members will tear down then hold the December Parks and Recreation meeting at 1:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned.