

New Castle Parks and Recreation Department

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 2025

Board Members Present:

- Patty Broyles
- Dave Nantz
- Todd Myers
- John Henderson

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 2025 Board meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

2. Business Items

A. Baker Park Playground

- The vandalized playground equipment has been repaired.
- The Board recognized and thanked the New Castle Police Department for their swift investigation and apprehension of the individuals responsible.
- Insurance will fully cover the cost of repairs.
- A proposal has been prepared for the installation of security cameras around the playground. Cost and installation logistics will be reviewed before final approval is granted.

B. Skate Park Signage

- Progress continues on developing new signage.
- Mike is finalizing edits to the artwork and determining the appropriate size, style, and placement of signs for the facility.
- Target completion date: end of September 2025.

C. Aquatic Center

- The 2025 pool season concluded on August 3.
- Attendance numbers and seasonal reports were presented to the Board.
- The Board noted another successful year and thanked staff for their hard work and community service.

D. Pickleball Plaza Update

- John Henderson praised the facility and raised several important questions regarding:
 - Rules signage
 - Restroom availability
 - Seating capacity and placement

E. Baker Park Wall Project

- Updated information was presented regarding the second phase of the project.
- Phase 2 will include the Baker Park sign, new planters, and additional landscaping improvements.

F. Osborne Park Arch

- Mayor York is preparing concepts and design ideas for the arch.
- Plans will be presented for review at the September 2025 Board meeting.

3. Public Comment

- Justin McCrobie reintroduced his vision and project ideas for Osborne Park.
- After discussion, the Board voted to allow him to continue working with Mike and to move forward with the project in phased stages.

4. Adjournment