

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, John Henderson, Dave Nantz, Cheryl York, Todd Myers
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Park Superintendent Mike Bergum, and Mayor's Assistant Kendra Blankenship

Patty opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

John moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Second by Dave. Motion passed 4-0 with Todd abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor York opened the meeting by opening nominations for election of officers for 2026. John made a motion to keep the current officer positions. Patty will remain president. Dave will remain vice-president. Second by Dave. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Thomas of the Henry County Public Library came before the board to give an overview of the summer events at Baker and Osborne Park. They help "Pop-Up" events in June and July that featured story times, snacks, and crafts. It was well attended and they plan to continue these activities this summer. She thanked Mike and the park board for the collaboration efforts.

Matthew Moore came before the board to give an update on Disc Golf. He works with Mike to help track activity logs for the Rock and Pebble. He also helps host tournaments. The league plays from April-October. They are currently practicing in the Armory during the winter months. He stated there have been thousands of rounds of disc golf played. We have attracted players from many states, as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York noted that the Pickleball Plaza is the happening place right now. He doesn't think it has reached its peak yet. Once all the landscaping is completed, it is going to be a highly trafficked area.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike gave a 2025-year end review to the board. Pickleball Plaza – Completed Trojan Lane / Baker Park Improvements, Story Trail Relocation & Expansion – Osborne Park, Baker Park Improvements

Pool Season Success, Spring Carnival, Grounds/Maintenance. There has been a lot of exciting things happen in our parks this past year. We are even more excited for 2026.

Mike also gave an overview of the Pickleball Plaza. Phase 1 & 2 have been completed. Phase 3 will begin this spring. The Pickleball Plaza stands as a strong example of thoughtful investment, fiscal responsibility, and community-driven recreation.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Pastor Kevin Kidwell came before the board to express his concerns over the homelessness problem in the city. The board agreed it is a problem and stated that he should stay for the Council meeting to express his concerns to them.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2026.