

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, John Henderson, and Cheryl York

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Park Superintendent Mike Bergum, and Mayor's Assistant Kendra Blankenship

Patty opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Cheryl moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Second by John. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting by discussing the \$50,000 wishes/park budget. Last month Mike gave handouts reviewing the parks needs and ideas. The needs include everything from refurbishing shelters, trees, mulch, and a new smaller playground addition. After discussion, Cheryl made a motion to approve the \$50,000 budget. Second by John. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike presented a new small playground addition to Baker Park. This would take the place of where older playground equipment previously was. This area is near the newest playground addition by Baker 2 Shelter. This playground would cost roughly \$25,000. After board discussion, John made a motion to approve this playground addition. Second by Cheryl. Motion passed 3-0.

The board discussed the current conditions of the Fun Park. The playground is currently 27 years old and is in need of renovation or demolition. As a result, the Fun Park requires daily maintenance. The estimated cost of renovation would be around \$400,000. Realistically, a decision needs to be made in the next few years as the playground is in dire need of attention. After lengthy discussion, the board agreed to keep this discussion open.

The Osborne Park entrance is still being worked on. The Mayor will have renderings of the proposed entrance at the next meeting.

The 2026 Lease agreements are signed and in place as they are (2) year leases.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York noted that the Baker Park Carnival will be May 10-16. Also, the parks are not open but they are not closed. Due to the extensive winter weather, we have not plowed the entry ways to the parks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike stated that there are (3) lifeguard classes taking place currently for the 2026 pool season.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2, 2026.