

University Park Board Meeting Minutes August 12th, 2025
7:00 at the clubhouse and on ZOOM

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Call to Order: Board Members present: Sarah Dahl, Jo Ann Zahner, James Slaymaker

In person: Karla Slaymaker, Curt and Cindy Friedrich, Mike Couch, Sandra Graham, David Chizek, Jim Jackson, Jim Slaymaker, Todd Schmidt, Tracey Weston, Gary McCabe

On Zoom: Ann Schrick, Laurie Brunner, Kathy Frisbie, Kim Luna, Heather Morgan, Travis Gilbert, Krista Sylvester, Tracy Sabo, Michaela Closson

Announcements

- Meeting held August 12th, 2025 at the clubhouse and via Zoom; proper display of first and last names required on Zoom for record-keeping.
- Zoom meetings are recorded and posted for public access; permanent records and summaries maintained on the University Park Board website.
- Community picnic set for Saturday, August 16th, 6:30 PM at the Pavilion; attendees encouraged to bring a dish to share and your drinks.
- 2026 budget hearing following this meeting (compliance with county requirements)

Motion to approve July meeting minutes and financial report by both Board and audience, with no objections. **3-0 approved**

Old Business

Standing Committee Reports

- Boat dock is out, no updates from John.
- Golf Course – Four greens have weed issues, Greens were sprayed during the board meeting. Jeff to drag greens afterwards.
- Firewise: Work day scheduled for October 4, 2025. Details will be forthcoming.

- Parks and Rec – quarterly meeting in September, Curt Friedrich plans to attend.
- Sherman Park updates – township plans to fund and lay larger gravel on roads instead of sand. No timeline given; communication with township remains inconsistent.
- Prairie Management – spraying of old-world bluestem completed; additional \$125 charge expected. The greens were addressed and several other areas in the park.
- Equipment – John Deere tractor has had multiple mechanical failures; estimated \$5-6000 repair costs. Decision is to sell tractor to repairman for \$500 (value of parts invested). Kubota tractor to be primary mower going forward.
- Sewer Lagoon: County to conduct traffic study at Redbud/Lakeview intersection due to increased traffic from the sewer lagoon construction; signs likely to be added for safety. Easement paperwork pending for new water line; lagoon work expected to start this year but not finish in 2025. Funding is mostly secured via USDA, some community costs will remain for expenses not covered by grants. We have no information of what that might look like on costs.
- Firehouse Building – waiting for contractor to begin trenching and hookup water connection for firehouse and clubhouse.
- Heywood Park sign – Brian McNulty is working on the sign.
- Pickleball/Basketball Court – thanks to Heather Morgan and Mike Couch for spearheading this project. We are looking at options for where to locate. Have to make a decision quickly so we use the money received from the Parks department for the pickleball/basketball court. Suggestion was to put a fence around it at a later date no matter what location. Stay tuned!
- Covenant Elimination – The covenants of restriction have been officially removed through the Riley County Register of Deeds. The Resolution was recorded in Book: 900 Page: 6274 and the Elimination was recorded in Book: 900 Page: 6269. There will be notice of this removal posted on the UPID webpage. We will now rely completely on Riley County regulations and enforcement.
- Rental house – Rental house is now under Italian Estates management. James is still following up with the American Pest contract to rid the house of mice. They are doing inspections twice a month removing mice and changing bait until the mice are gone. They are still working on it. The current tenants have requested an extension for 30 days to leave. We do not have confirmation on this. House may be available in October.
- Danielle Maple allegations against U.P. Boards – Ms Maple presented allegations against U.P. boards at our July Board meeting. It was a lot of information to process, and her full list of complaints is posted with the minutes from July on the UP website. There was a community discussion and residents at the meeting disagreed with her allegations. We feel it is better to be proactive and find an attorney to be ready if Ms Maples continues with her case. There was a discussion about taking her documents and having an attorney on retainer that can advise us.

A motion was made to table the response to Ms. Maple until next month regarding her request.

A motion was made to authorize funding not to exceed \$4000 for attorney consultation and a retainer.

3-0 approved.

- Other things to think about that need to be resolved in the future:
Plans for utilizing the old fire house, sewer lagoon project, reconfiguring golf & disc course layouts after lagoon project is complete.

New Business

- **Noxious weed complaint** The Riley County Noxious Weed department contacted the Board to forward a community member complaint including photos about noxious weeds on private property edges on township roads and tall grass around the water tower. The Noxious Weed department stated they will take no action in our community to get rid of the noxious weeds on private property, so property owners are responsible for taking care of their own property. Previously, mowing around the water tower was taken care of by the previous contracted sewer testing company. RC Public Works has since taken over that contract and we are still trying to work out if they will be taking care of the mowing in the future. Before we received the complaint Sarah Dahl had already mowed because the grass had gotten so tall. James is working to determine if Riley County will be taking care of mowing the grass in the future. The resident stated she was asking about public property – not private property. There are a lot of weeds around the new fire house. Until the construction is done it may look rough but RC did put it on their work schedule to get it mowed. Problem with having the bright light from the new firehouse shine on neighbors James is still working on getting this taken care of to help with this situation.

A motion is made to close out the August Board meeting and open the 2026 budget hearing **3-0 approved**

Sarah presented the 2026 budget hearing, and we are staying revenue neutral. The budget we have for this year is going up from \$49,484 to over \$70,000 due to carryover from 2024 and 2025. It is a requirement from Riley County.

A motion was made to approve the 2026 budget. **3-0 approved**

A motion was made to close out the 2026 budget hearing. **3-0 approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm