

University Park Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

Start of meeting 7PM

Nomination of officers; accepted Jim Jackson President, Sarah Dahl Treasurer, Kelli Nelson, Secretary

Online participation:

Laurie Brunner, Tracy Sabo, Krista Sylvester, John Casida, Susan Tucker, Dave Chizek, Laura Mendenhall, Fredrich, Libby Vathauer

In Person Participation:

James Slaymaker, Karla Slaymaker, Forrest Whitt, JoAnn Zahner, Todd Schmidt, Kevin and Diane Wilcox, Curt Federick

Approval of agenda

Approval of December 9, 2025 minutes

Financial Report: Sarah Dahl commented, short \$6.93 taxes, wrote a check for that amount; filed for review

Move to approve treasurer and financial report

Jim suggests implementing Robert's Rules for procedure, a newly revised process for our smaller board.

Officer reports: fine tune committee reports

Referenced placement of lagoons for sewer; bids go in tomorrow, county commission opens bids on Thursday; hopefully 30-60 days be ready to start construction on lagoons. Start water first week of January but rain slowed process, plan is to start asap.

Burn pile is back open.

5th and 6th holes of golf course; what will happen upon lagoon implementation – Jim stated the golf committee will address this

John Cassida, boat dock report:

Water level 3.5 feet above normal; dredging keeping lake level up. 2 dredgings; 1 in spring, 1 in summer. Estimate 5 feet above normal, the boat dock becomes inaccessible without walking into water. PVC pole missing on ramp, John replaced and covered costs. 2 posts going out to secure ramp, to Johns, to prep, ramp still at Johns house. Pulled October. When will get completed; by time it can be put in this Spring. Discussion of a dock system that works with fluctuating water levels. Requested community members submit ideas on new dock ideas. Also indicated some of the steps in permissions with boat dock from Corp of Engineers, getting approval before putting ideas into action.

Curt Fredrich, equipment report:

No new information, doing maintenance time to time as needed. James Slaymaker shared what equipment is at the burn pile per Jim Jacksons questioning.

Todd Schmidt Firewise report,

Lots of work done b/c burn pile had a very big pile. Needs hours from others, may put a box at the burn pile to write down their hours. 1st Saturday in May is the first national Firewise workday. Asked community to share where to start and what work we want to complete.

Dave Chizek: Golf Course committee; no report

Curt Fredrich: Parks and Rec;

Not formally approved by county commissioners yet, but got \$10k approved for county park board for chain link fence; for land scaping \$3,150 (waiting for formal approval) available upon approval in next few weeks.

Laura Mendenhall: Prairie Management report;

Only update looking for prescribed burn in March. Will have more details in February. James Slaymaker asked how the board is going to address the prairie areas; Jim Jackson stated he would use input and planning of the committee for seeing the overall goal.

Tracy Sabo; Sherman Township,

Joann Zahner taking over as a liaison for the committee between University Park and Sherman. James Slaymaker, discussion of culverts and street maintenance.

Karla Slaymaker; Welcome committee.

UP welcomes the following new neighbors to Lakeview circle; Dana and Jim, Gregg and Melissa, New baby for the Schmidts.

Special Committees; Diane Wilcox; Pickleball Court -

first meeting, measurements, bids, more info next month. Fence 4 feet out to 6 feet out set backs, just retaining wall on upper corner most away along the back and 54 of 84 feet then fence to match the height. Pass gate by parking lot and play ground. Diane may post a drawing on FB; requested by James Slaymaker.

Old Business: - None

New Business:

UP fee structure, on website, fees left the same for 2026; Sarah shared that Venmo money are biggest income, good cash income on tournament days. Jim proposed continue fees and review need to raise depending on expenses. Jim recommended fire team no fees for use of burn pile and golf course.

Flags; Sarah will order this month or next for those who have paid, keep design, let Sarah pick the color.

Mowing letters: do we want to still send out letters regarding mowing or send a list out of people in the committee who want to mow for \$. \$225/lot; 4-5 people who paid through University Park. Sarah shared motion that we send letter UP will mow 3x/yr per Riley county height regulations, give other options, \$225/season. Sarah suggests continue to offer it as we make money off of it, shows those with property that do not live here that community is paying attention.

Williams family Upcycle Services – recycling for community members, providing the service, not charging UP board. They want something in draft for permission to put advertisement on containers. Pick up 1st and 3rd week of month. Provide your own container, don't need to sort, clean of debris, \$50/quarter.

Pickleball/basketball; move to next month

Community Survey – wants/needs – see what we need to budget for. i.e. what to do with old firehouse. Jim asked Tracy Sabo about coming up with a community survey, agreed.

UPID Public Comment Policy; adopted 11/14/25 – do we want changes? Sarah shared that 2024 zoom meetings will be put on a zip drive and off the website. Board moved to leave the policy as is for now, agreed.

Request for Disc Golf Tournament – Dillon Spellman – request 2 tournaments – Dillon wants one end of February 28th-11th of April, then a second in June. 70+ players for June tournament; \$5 per day/round. Board sees it as \$5/day per person.

Outcome: available to use the baskets and University Park for the tournament, but need to stay South of the hwy and Haywood park due to lagoon project. Tournament manager needs to provide any temporary disc golf baskets and required port -a-potties for numbers over 25 people. UP give guidance on parking (Jim).

Joann Zahner has contact information for notifying public of change to our course.

Tentative dates for board meetings and picnics – Board meetings accepted as 2nd Tuesday of the month (exception of June 9th moved to June 8th due to already scheduled meeting that night). Community picnics set for 3rd Sat. of month from May-Oct.

Board Announcements: none

Community Announcements: none

Adjourned 8:43PM