

University Park Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14th, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM – 8 PM

Location: Clubhouse / Online (Zoom)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the University Park Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the University Park Clubhouse by Jim Jackson, President.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Jim Jackson, Sarah Dahl, and Kelli Nelson. A quorum was present.

In Person Attendance: James Slaymaker, JoAnn Zahner, Diane Wilcox, Kevin Wilcox, Sandra Graham, Ann Schrick, John Cassida, Forrest Whitt, and Don Turner. Dave Chizek, Micahela Closson, Dillon Spillman

Online Attendance: Susan Tucker, Laurie Brunner, Reagan Gosch; Pat Siebert, Heather Morgan, Krista & Ethan Sylvester, Mark Feldman, Travis Gilbert, Sande Williams, Libby Vathauer, Melissa Runduz & Derrick Alcala, Michael, Danny, John Havenstein, Meredith Dodd

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for April 14th, 2026 was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes for the Monthly March 16th, 2026 and Special March 22, 2026 meetings was pushed to next month due to the link reportedly not working.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sarah Dahl, Treasurer, presented the financial report.

No comments.

Pay bills as come due.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Sandra Graham requested one fee for the UP area benefits instead of separating it out. Jim shared it would be put on the agenda.

Jim Miller introduced himself as a new resident on Lakeview. Welcome Jim!

Denise Clark made reference to old firehouse vs storage shed being the community center. John Cassida stated there's no water. It was pointed out water is close and bathroom stubbed out. Jim stated we can address this more further down the agenda.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Jim Jackson reported discussion with Bayer construction. Bayer removed a lot of trees and they are headed to the query vs burning at UP burn pit.

Jim talked with Dave Chizek about grass on tee boxes. Jim checked with a seed company and buffalo grass does not work well on tee boxes. Fescue and some other varieties are better and can be boxed in to keep from spreading.

Jim checked with Sharps about a University Park account and Dave (owner of Sharps) stated we already have an account. This account is to be used for University Park expenses as needed.

Donation was given for the golf course in thanks to Dave for doing some unpaid work.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer's Report: no report

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boat Dock: John Cassida reported he purchased deck seal. While prepping surface for the sealant, he noticed some board rot. Replacing all decking is estimated at \$675. Open house for dock held Sunday at pump house. Further dock discussion is on the agenda for later in the meeting; action for the dock will be discussed then.

Lake Level: John reports dock going into the water depends on mother nature and the Corp of Engineers. More water going out than coming in at this point. Rain upstream can change lake levels in a single day. Reviewed 2nd & 3rd dredging project. Corp intends to keep the water up a few feet through June or July. Corp did not give specifics.

John said one option is to fix the half a dozen boards to make the dock safe and usable for this season. Denise Clark requested to be part of the team to brainstorm the dock options and come up with a more permanent solution for next season that can be used more frequently with water level fluctuations.

Equipment: Jim Jackson reported that Curt stated equipment is ready to go for the season.

Firewise: Community cleanup is scheduled for May 2. James Slaymaker brought up money for a lunch/drinks for the cleanup day. Requested and approved \$200 for fire wise cleanup lunch and refreshments. Any volunteers to purchase or prepare the meal? Reach out to Board or Todd Schmidt.

Golf Course: Dave shared hole 1 is in the worst shape. Coming up with ideas for repair and looking for more people to be on the golf committee to brainstorm design for new course

following sewer lagoon project. Michaela brought up that originally K-State helped with development and suggested getting ideas from them.

Discussion of excess of dirt moving for lagoon. Don Turner asked about the dirt along side of equipment shed. Don wants to get rid of the dirt if it's not going to be used; asked where to put it. A suggestion to use this dirt for golf course was made. Dave Chizek shared he won't want to use the old dirt due to contamination. Don plans to get rid of it.

Parks Board: The next meeting will be June 9th. University Park will host that meeting. Generally a meal is about 6:15PM and the meeting starts at 7PM. University Park will move the monthly meeting to accommodate, discuss further at the next board meeting.

Prairie Management: Laura Mendenhall reported to Jim she got a price for spraying weeds of \$325 to spray at burn pile and sand greens. Approved by Board. James Slaymaker asked about burning. John shared it will depend on weather and wind. Trying to get it done this Spring.

Sherman Township Liaison: JoAnn Zahner stated no report.

Welcome Committee: Williams family will take over the welcome committee. Sande had no report for this month.

IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pickleball Court Committee: Diane Wilcox waiting on pricing. Jim asked what the committee wanted to do. James Slaymaker suggested waiting to get estimates that the community can afford. Jim discussed some options of community doing some of the work if equipment were available to save some money. Denise shared that waiting to get better numbers may be best for the community. Diane discussed going out further for estimates than just very local. Don Turner suggested making sure we know what we want before getting more bids. Sandra is worried about safety of the fence. More fence is more money. Need to determine costs and available money. Sarah asked about volunteers to do dirt work. Dave Chizek and John Cassida volunteered.

Action: Committee will work at a separate meeting to discuss further. James asked how much money will be allotted. Jim reminded the county has granted \$10k for fence and \$3k for dirt. Sarah shared that \$12k-15k for University Park could spend would be reasonable. Sarah will call owner of company regarding bids.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Guest Dillon Spellman shared some information regarding disc golf. Dillon is very involved with the disc golf community and shared that the University Park course is one of the best in the area and wants it to continue to run strong.

Dillon shared ideas and wants to talk with community for ideas. Holes 7-12 are out of commission due to lagoon project. Hole 12 is in the middle of the lagoon. Tee pad for hole

2 is gone due to pickle ball court. Hole 17 lost a lot of trees making it less interesting. The Little Apple Disc Golf Club wants the University Park course available for tournaments and league due to the enjoyment of the course. Dillon has suggestions for temporary use this summer. He would like the temporary course of 18 holes usable for the duration of the lagoon project.

Dillon suggested a few mowed paths for temporary holes and some branch removal. Several members of the league have already volunteered to complete the labor. Temporary disc golf course stays out of the way of the regular golf course. They are kept to the cedars and tall grass which is what makes it interesting anyway.

Michaela clarified that the league wants to hold the large tournament in June and will have the work done. Dillon said they could have it done in 2 days of 4-6 hours. Michaela asked how University Park would benefit. Dillon shared we would get the money for use of the course. University Park will not supply any labor or equipment. Approval has already been given for the tournament.

Jim clarified that Hole 1 is the hole that needs trees removed. Jim asked if it will be permanent. Dillon shared that it could move that way if the community wants it to and the temporary process gives opportunity to see what works and what doesn't to make the permanent course as ideal as possible.

James has three questions/statements.

1. Amount of money charged does not equvalate to the amount paid in the box for the use? How is the league going to make sure University gets paid for use. Dillon will collect for the tournament ahead of time. Denise asked for a roster of names/paid.
2. James asked about throwing discs across the road. Dillon asked for permission to throw across the road, James said no. Dillon has an alternative to crossing the road.
3. Ball golf takes priority over disc golf.

Dave Chizek shared concern regarding the 1 restroom. Dillon stated that he has Cat Can's scheduled.

Regular course will not be shut down.

Motion to allow the plan proposed with exception of crossing the road. Noted that Little Apple Disc Golf Club will take care of the labor and clean up.

Community Survey: Community center discussion at Special Meeting at May 16th picnic for community workshop. Jim provided an outline of the workshop. Will move picnic up 1 hour earlier.

Community work board to write different projects then members could work on things when they had time. Is it of interest to bring back? No interest at this time.

Tree donation to plant some peach trees for next season. Joann asked to be responsible for planting and care. Jim suggested getting with fire wise committee. Approved.

Raspberries presented by James Slaymaker. Raspberries on South side of road going to boat ramp got sprayed when doing general spraying. Mike Boller asked the request not to spray the Raspberries come from the board. Jim will email Mike not to please spray the raspberries.

Request if doing community garage sale? Noted that if anyone wants to lead it, let Sarah Dahl know. Entails putting ad in newspaper, finding out when other community garage sales in the area, providing a map of who is participating, notifying through email/facebook, etc.

Boat Dock Repairs: Discussion of doing short-term repairs to make it usable with little cost for now. James suggested using the stain we already have. The community can discuss a long term plan early on for next season before it is close to boating season.

Action: Short term repairs for now, staining the boards so it's sealed. John to submit receipts to Board for reimbursement of board and sealant.

Resignation of board president and secretary of the board. Jim Jackson and Kelli Nelson submitted resignation to the county. Board members will remain until new members are sworn in. Jim asked how the community wants to fill the positions. James Slaymaker recommended the community be notified and publicized of who is eligible. Kelli Nelson is stepping down now effective at the end of this meeting so the board can select the next board member. Joann asked if Sarah needs help in the interim, Sarah said not at this time.

Jim shared he has a letter of statement of community concerns which is available upon request.

Action: Jim will send an email out notifying the community of potential eligibility and requesting volunteers.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community picnic May 16th starting an hour early for workshop. Considered monthly meeting.

May 2nd community work day starting at 8:30AM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Kelli Nelson

Approved on: _____