

University Park Improvement District Regular Board Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2026 7:00 PM

Board members present: Sarah Dahl, Richard Soash, JoAnn Zahner

Curt Friedrich, Travis Gilbert, Kevin Wilcox, Diane Wilcox, James Slaymaker, Karla Slaymaker, Kim Luna, Laura Mendenhall, Todd Schmidt, Forrest Whitt

Online - Laura Brunner, Annie Feldman, Reagan Gosch, Susan Tucker

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of Agenda – no additions or corrections. Approved 3-0

4. Approval of Minutes - Monthly Meeting August 11, 2026 Approved 3-0

5. Approval of Financial Report – There was one correction on the report. There was some discussion on the recovery of past due rent from former renters Approval 3-0

6. Public Forum (State Name - 3 minute per UPID Policy)

- Request from Karla Slaymaker for up to \$100 for Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving. Approved 3-0
- James Slaymaker requested up to \$150 for fertilizer for area trees. Approved 3-0

7. Officer Reports - none

8. Committee Reports - Standing Committees and Liaison Updates

a. Boat Ramp – John Cassida - Dock update as of this afternoon:

- The outer mounts for the outrigger poles are visible; however the mounting point where the dock gangway sits is still under water.
- He discussed this with the boat dock committee and they agreed that as it is fall, it would be best to not put the dock in this late in the season only to have to remove it in a couple of weeks.
 - A major concern is that if the dock was put in, any rains - even an inch or two could put the dock gangway underwater making removal difficult, if not impossible.
 - The removal process involves committee members getting in the water to position the parts to be loaded on trailers which is unpleasant when the water temps get cold.
 - Set up committee for floating dock. John will proceed.
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b. Equipment – Curt Friedrich He purchased a new battery for gator.

c. Firewise – Todd Schmidt - He requested that people continue to turn in their Firewise hours.

d. Golf Course – Thanks to Rick Frisby for cleaning up and burning greens. A dethatcher was requested to speed up the process. The board approved 3-0 up to \$100. It was suggested that spraying should be started earlier in the next year.

e. Riley County Parks Board – Curt Friedrich – The past year's funds must be spent by Dec 1. Their next meeting is in December when 2027 requests are due. Suggestions were trees around pickleball court and new corner & ceiling fans for shelter house. There are 2 open positions on board if anyone is interested.

f. Prairie Management – Laura Mendenhall – South side is looking good except fairway of 3. The north side has invasive weeds but nothing can be done until the lagoon project is completed and the golf course is reconfigured.

g. Sherman Township Liaison – There are currently no candidates on the November ballot. The board will be looking for a resident to run as a write-in on the November ballot.

h. Welcome Committee – Sande/ Shelly Williams. New renters Dorian and Mitchell Hillin moved in August 3rd. Please notify the board of any new people moving into the community.

i. Pickleball/Sport Court - Diane Wilcox – Help pay for the retaining wall by purchasing a limestone block for \$100. See [UP website](#) for details. In progress: drain tile along the east concrete and then cover with scalplings; installation of fence 3 ½ feet from the edge of the court.

j. Community Building - Jenna – The committee received a proposal from Riley Construction for the firehouse.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Adding mulch to playground – James Slaymaker drilled holes in the PVC pipe around the playground. They will be waiting till we have some rain to see how it drains before putting down mulch which has been delivered.

b. BLV Cross County Meet - October 13th. The coach will come out prior to the meet and let us know the course so it can be mowed. They are responsible for renting a porta-potty.

10. New Business

a. Travis & Aly Gilbert will be breaking ground on their new home build soon in Lakeside Heights and they want to connect to UPID water/sewer. Gilbert's will pay cost to extend utilities. Per earlier discussions with RC Public Works, they had agreed to allow him to connect. Richard stated that John Ellerman confirmed this in a phone conversation.

b. Old Fire Station – It has been suggested that UP rent out the old fire station until a decision is made on the community building. Sarah will arrange liability insurance for UP. The renter will turn on the electricity in their name and pay the monthly bills & they pay. They can

sublease. \$300-400 was a possible monthly rental price. Richard will spearhead this.

c. There was discussion about putting a trash can at the boat dock. UP previously placed a trash can in the area and it ended up becoming a dumping can for fish guts. It was decided not to proceed.

d. Trick-or-Treating for this year will be discussed at October 13th board meeting.

e. The fall work day will be the morning of Oct 24 for area around clubhouse.

f. Water hydrant at Hi-View/Mound Ridge is leaking. Bailey Excavating provided an estimate of \$1,529.47. No decision was made pending additional research.

g. Mowing of an unsightly lot will be completed by next week, per Riley County Noxious Weed Department.

11. Board Announcements a.

- November Board Meeting has moved to Tuesday, Nov. 17th.
- Next Community Picnic - Saturday, September 19th at 6:30 pm Oct 24th
- 2024 Zoom recordings have been available on the website for a year. They will be deleted from the website at the end of September.

12. Community Announcements

- From email, please use lights/reflective gear when walking or biking at night, and use caution while driving at appropriate speeds with lights on. There have been several instances reported of walkers in the dark with no lights/reflective gear. Several reports of kids driving side-by-sides with no lights, and on the wrong side of the road.

13. Adjournment Time 9:05 pm.