

**City of Fort Calhoun
Parks Board
November 2, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

1. Kris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Kris Richardson announced the Open Meeting Compliance Act.
3. Roll call:
Board members Kris Richardson, James Totten, Sara Ruthven, Bob Lammers, and Karli Johnson were all in attendance. Jerry Barabas and Park Commissioner John Kelly were absent.
4. Approval of October Meeting minutes was moved by Bob, seconded by Karli. All in favor to approve.

Unfinished Business:

5. Fall Tree Grant Update
 - a. The newly installed trees in West Market Square Park look healthy. Park members agree to apply for the tree grant again next year.
 - b. Kris spoke with the paper, and an article about the trees and grant will be published in the Washington County Enterprise. All final grant post install paperwork will be submitted by the end of the month.
6. Pioneer Park Multipurpose Court
 - a. Project update: the board discussed using flyers, pdfs, and the newspaper to educate the community of the project and gain more interest.
 - b. Hoop quote discussion: Kris presented basketball hoop options and pricing. Board members reviewed our existing hoops in West Market Square Park and were favorable to the same products. James made a motion to approve the Goalsetter MVP hoop defined in quote #5588, Karli seconded the motion. All in favor to approve.
 - c. Fundraising: sponsors who donate a minimum of \$500 towards the new multipurpose court will be eligible to have their name or company on a sign at the park. Sponsorship of the hoops and other components will also be options.
7. 2024 NRD Tree Grant
 - a. The board will focus on adding the FEMA required trees to Pioneer Park for the multi-purpose court project. Kris will start getting tree layout design advice and present a plan in January. The board would like future tree grant options to be focused on adding trees along the new trail segments as that project gets underway.

New Business:

8. Park Enhancement Artwork

- a. Sara discussed adding paintings on the cement around the playground at the Pioneer Park playground. Examples from other parks were shown. These drawings would be simple designs that give kids activities to do as they follow along. Board members liked the creative idea, but would like more information on the maintenance of the paint. Sara will get more information and bring it to next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment:

At 7:43 pm meeting adjournment was motioned by Bob and seconded by Karli. All in favor.