

**City of Fort Calhoun
Parks Board
January 4, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

1. Kris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Kris Richardson announced the Open Meeting Compliance Act.
3. Roll call:
Board members Kris Richardson, James Totten, Sara Ruthven, Bob Lammers, Jerry Barabas, Karli Johnson and Park Commissioner John Kelly were all in attendance.
4. Approval of November Meeting minutes was moved by Bob, seconded by Karli. All in favor to approve.

Unfinished Business:

5. Fall Tree Grant Update
 - a. Kris worked with Kinghorn Gardens to plan for the tree canopy coverage required by FEMA to offset the concrete needed for the multi-purpose court project. It was suggested that 4 Siouxlard Cottonwood, 4 Silver Queen Silver Pales, and 3 Sunburst Honeylocust trees in Pioneer Park would comply with the requirements. Ten trees will be funded by the NRD Grant and the Parks Board will need to pay for the eleventh tree, which is estimated to cost \$250. Jerry made a motion to approve the tree locations and the purchase of the eleventh tree, Sara seconded the motion. All in favor to approve.
6. Pioneer Park Multipurpose Court
 - a. Two Goal setter MVP hoops were purchased and have already been delivered. Sid Dillon has agreed to sponsor one of the basketball hoops.
 - b. Washington County Gives results
 - i. The Fort Calhoun Parks board was pleased to be informed they received \$2,510 from Washington County Gives and an additional \$10,000 grant was awarded for the multipurpose court.
 - c. Board members would like to continue to inform the community on the planning progress for the multipurpose court and look into events to help with fundraising efforts.
7. 2023 Year in Review parks flyer review
 - a. Kris presented the Fort Calhoun Parks in review flyer. Board members reviewed the flyer and all agree everything looks good and they are happy with the information and pictures within it.
8. Park Enhancement Artwork
 - a. Board members would like to continue to look into adding paintings on the cement around the playground at Pioneer Park. These paintings would be basic drawings that would give kids simple activities to do as they follow the path. Sara will look into maintenance of the painting,

and Karli will speak with the art teacher at the high school about possibly getting students involved with the project

9. Ball field Eagle Scout project summary

- a. Pictures and a project update were given to the board. The baseball field warning track edge was reestablished, and the rock was replaced. The board members agree the results look great and appreciate the work that was done by Eagle candidate AJ Duros with the support of FC Troop 114.

Meeting Adjournment:

At 8:10 pm meeting adjournment was motioned by John and seconded by Bob. All in favor.