

Akron Park Board
May 19, 2025

Present: Kirk Robinson, Member; Jim Steen, Member; Katie Newcomer, Member; Jan Morgan, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Jake Gearhart, Town Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Town Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Jim made a motion to accept the April 23, 2025 regular meeting minutes as written. Katie 2nd. 4 ayes.

The current financial report as of May 19, 2025 was presented.

The 2024 grass planting was not 100% successful. Kirk has spread new grass fertilizer to the areas. The plan is to rent an aerator for all the grassless areas in the fall. The rental cost would be approximately \$92 a day. The bare area around the playground bench needs replanted by hand and cover with a straw blanket which is in stock. The town employees will rope off area. This needs to be a priority.

Town employees have completed placing mulch around the trees at Pike Memorial Park.

The park board will attend a photo op following the meeting at 4:00 p.m. for the Akron Youth League Boys Diamond Field Lighting Project.

The library story walk is being delivered this week. The town staff will install the story walk at Pike Memorial Park.

The speed bumps at Pike Memorial Park need the proper pins to hammer into the ground to straight outside round ends which are askew. Jake reported the speed bumps were never installed with all the pins to begin with. Jake found pins online and will order enough to do the job correctly. It was determined the speed bumps are needed to keep the park traffic slow.

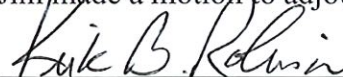
A discussion about adding a drinking water bottle filling station at the restroom facility will be researched. The estimated cost of the unit is around \$3,000. Jim made a motion to proceed with the purchase. Jan 2nd. 4 ayes.

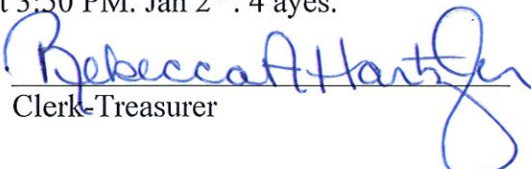
Rebecca is waiting for an email from Hoffman Body Shop regarding the Dog Park Signage. The Cherry tree at Cutshall Park has been removed by town employees. Town employees also cleaned up the Skate Park.

The downtown community square is shaping up nicely with the town employees push mowing the area. Flowers have been planted as well.

The next park board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

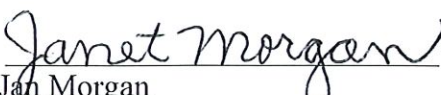
Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. Jan 2nd. 4 ayes.


Kirk Robinson


Clerk-Treasurer


Jim Steen


Katie Newcomer


Jan Morgan