Akron Park Board September 17, 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.

Katie made a motion to accept the August 20, 2025 regular meeting minutes as written. Jim 2nd. 4 ayes.

The current financial report as of September 17, 2025 was presented.

Kirk will reach out to Vortex rep, Angie Monroe to see if she's available on September 25 at 12:00PM to provide information on Splash Pads.

Pike Memorial Park & Cutshall sealcoating project is complete. There is an area on the trail at Cutshall Park that Jan brought to the boards attending that needs weedkiller applied to an area that was missed during the project.

Anthony provided sod estimates for the bare areas at the parks. Unfortunately, due to the limited exposure to sunlight, the use of sod is not recommended in those areas. The town employees will grass seed the bare areas this fall.

Autumn in Akron Car Show at Pike Memorial Park on Saturday, September 13th went well despite the rain.

Jake told the park board the water bottle filling station would be getting hooked up temporarily to verify everything is in working order but be taken back down when the park is winterized.

AR Tree Service will remove the tree at Cutshall Park on September 24, 2025.

Rebecca will work to get updated sign designs for the dog park & skate park.

Kirk asked about the pavilion rental rules. Rebecca informed the board the list is provided to all new rentals when the reservation is made at the town office.

Rebecca informed the board about the Insurance Risk Management survey. The results indicated that the pea gravel at the playground needed to be removed if funding allowed for a different product. The recommendation is a type of mulch. Additional information is needed before making a decision on how to proceed with the recommendation.

The next park board meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Jan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 PM. Katie 2nd. 4 ayes.

Kirk Robinson

Clerk-Treasurer

Jim Steen

Katie Newcomer

Jan Morgan