

Akron Park Board
March 18, 2026

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 January 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes as written. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 ayes.

The current financial report, as of March 18, 2026, was presented.

The Board discussed the splash pad layout provided by Aquatix. During the meeting, the Board reached out to Brice to discuss modifications to the design. He will work on updates and provide a revised layout for Council review at the April meeting.

Kirk provided updated information received from the Indiana DNR regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program. The LWCF is a matching assistance program that provides grants for up to 50% of a project's cost. The Town must demonstrate that it has secured the remaining 50% in matching funds before being considered for the grant. The Board discussed creating a donor letter to help seek funding support. The proposed project includes a splash pad, pickleball courts, and a tennis court.

Duke Summe contacted Rebecca regarding damaged disc golf signs at holes #13 and #15 that need replacement. Rebecca will contact Hoffman Body Shop to order replacements. Duke also reported that during the strong windstorm on March 13, a large tree fell near hole #4. The Town has already completed cleanup. Additionally, the disc golf basket at hole #15 needs replacement. Kirk made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement basket for \$140.00 from Disc Golf United. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 ayes. Rebecca will proceed with ordering the replacement.

Duke also addressed individuals painting trees on the disc golf course and instructed them to stop.

Kirk reported that several small stop signs along the trail at Pike Memorial Park need to be replaced. He will determine the quantity needed for the order.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

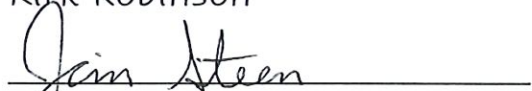
Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 PM. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 ayes.




Kirk Robinson



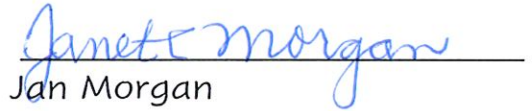
Clerk-Treasurer



Jim Steen



Katie Newcomer



Jan Morgan