

Akron Park Board
April 15, 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 3:05 PM.

Katie made a motion to accept March 18, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 ayes.

The current financial report, as of April 15, 2026, was presented.

The Board discussed the revised splash pad layout provided by Aquatix. The Board agreed the revised design and layout would better serve the needs of the community.

A list of spring maintenance needs for Pike Memorial Park and Cutshall Park was discussed. The following items were identified for attention as the town employee schedule allows:

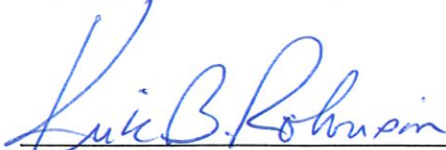
- Zip tie soccer net
- Order new tennis net
- Replace 24-hour surveillance camera sign
- Purchase two small stop signs for the trail near the Akron Community Center entrance
- Turn bench by tennis courts
- Remove insulation from vent at restroom facility
- Get water fountain operational
- Repair broken swing
- Secure parking bumper at Pike Memorial Park
- Cut down rebar at Akron Community Center
- Cold patch areas on walking trails at Pike Memorial Park and Cutshall Park
- Plant flowers for downtown park

The Board discussed funding options for the park improvement project. Rebecca will submit an IMPACT grant application to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Rebecca also presented a draft donation letter to be sent to community members.

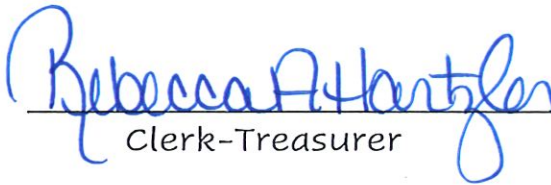
Katie discussed establishing the ability to receive donations online. Jim recommended Zeffy, as it does not charge fees and provides tax receipts to donors.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 ayes.



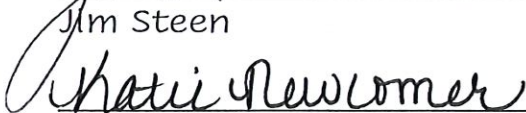
Kirk Robinson



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Jan Morgan