

# THE CITY OF MALDEN

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## PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Called to order at 5:32 pm

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BOARD MEMBER IAN CASTO	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
BOARD MEMBER TOMORRO ANTWINE	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
BOARD MEMBER AMY COLEMAN	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
BOARD MEMBER BRENDA CRUMBIE	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
BOARD MEMBER WALKER CULP	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
BOARD MEMBER EARNEST FOBBS (Left at 6:10)	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
BOARD MEMBER ANITA MATHIES	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
VACANT	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
VACANT	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**5 Members Present**

### **Others in Attendance:**

City Administrator Ivone Smith, Street/Parks Foreman Dewayne Rogers and Deputy City Clerk Jessie Cobb.

### **Open Forum**

None

### **Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2024 Park Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** by Board Member Mathies to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 Park Board Meeting.

**SECOND:** by Board Member Crumbie

**Motion Carried 5/0**

### **April 2024 Financial Reports**

**MOTION:** by Board Member Mathies to approve the April 2024 Financial Reports.

**SECOND:** by Board Member Crumbie

**Motion Carried 5/0**

### **Scout Hut Update**

Smith states there really is no update on the Scout Hut. She says that at the last meeting we discussed the bids to have everything fixed and the consensus was to let the building go because there is no funding. We are still working on the Club House over on the golf course. The company that was using that building is now building a new building and once they are done with that the Girl Scouts can use the Club House. Smith received a request from the person in charge of the Scouts that they have that

building to themselves and they would pay utilities. Since the city doesn't pay utilities, we could have her pay rent. Smith says that in her opinion we should keep it open to the public because it is a city building and we could rent it out. Casto says that for now we should wait on the exclusive use and see how it goes. He states that maybe we could have a storage space out there for the scouts to store their things and lock up so they don't have to worry about their things when other people use the building. The board all agrees that for now we should keep the building public.

**Splash Pad Update**

The equipment is scheduled to be here on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The engineers did complete the bid specs for the concrete. Smith sent that to National Parks Service and they got back to her that there is one change that they want the engineers to make. There is some wording that they want changed. Smith has notified the engineers and they are going to fix that tomorrow. Since it is a grant, it will have to be put in the newspaper for 3 weeks. Smith says she is trying to get it where we can get this approved at the council meeting next week, but if not, we may have to do a special called meeting. Smith states she would like to have a contractor picked out before the equipment gets here so that once the equipment gets here, we can get started working on it. Smith's ultimate goal is to have the Splash Pad open for a couple weeks before the end of summer.

**New RV Park Update**

We still need chat for the new RV Park. The chat will have to be hauled and we don't have a dump truck to haul that much, so we would have to hire someone. Smith states that she has talked to Krepps to see if there is a cheaper alternative and he said in order for it to be done right we will have to do the chat. Once we get some of that reimbursement money, we will look into putting the chat in the budget. It will be \$10,000- \$12,000 for the chat.

**MLK Park Basketball Court**

We need to get the basketball courts redone. It needs to be resurfaced before it is painted because there are cracks in it. We have a list of some contractors. Once we get a quote, we can go ahead and use the FCC donation money towards that and then budget in the rest. Casto says he thinks that would be money well spent. Smith says that we have had a lot of people in the community that have been asking about it getting fixed.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July**

We haven't really had a very good turn out on vendors getting back to us or wanting to participate. Mayor Kooyman said that Mitch Green says he wants to help and is working to get some vendors. We have gotten vendor lists from different Chambers and we have been reaching out to them. We have had a lot of vendors that are already booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> or that are closed on that day. We are looking for a bounce house company since Mike Kean cannot do it this year. Smith asked if there are any volunteers for the event. Mathies says she will be there.

**Chairman's Report**

The next Park Board meeting is on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the new City Hall at the Community Center. It will be one week later than usual due to the city being closed on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business Deemed Necessary**

At the last City Council meeting, City Council Member Downs asked about the MLK Park and why only some of it is paved and some is chat. Kooyman and Smith explained to her why it was that way. Smith states that she would like to get the whole drive paved and also redo the parking lot. Smith is going to be looking into grants for the MLK Park as soon as the Friso Park Splash Pad grant is completed.

Smith informed the Board that the porta potty at MLK was vandalized. We have been told by C & S Septic that this is a reoccurring problem at MLK Park. Smith and the Board discussed possibly having C & S put the porta potty in a different place where it can be seen better, have more patrolling out there and/or put cameras out there.

Smith is going to be working on the budget. That will need to be approved before the next City Council Meeting. We can have a quick zoom meeting if needed to get that done.

Board Member Fobbs left at 6:10

**MOTION:** by Board Member Mathies to adjourn the Park Board Meeting of May 22, 2024 at 6:17 pm.

**SECOND:** by Board Member Antwine.

**Motion Carried 4/0**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

  
JESSIE COBB, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

  
IAN CASTO, CHAIRMAN