



**PARKS COMMISSION**  
**August 8, 2023**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Myrtle Creek City Council Chambers**

**1.) CALL TO ORDER**

**2.) ROLL CALL**

Olivia See

Linda Connell

Bill Umphlett

Mark Pavlak

Jim Davies

**3.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**4.) AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**5.) MINUTES**

a.) July 11, 2023 Park Commission Minutes

**6.) FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

a) July 2023 Financial Report

**7.) NEW BUSINESS**

a) Chess Tables

**8.) PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**9.) FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

**10.) GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**11.) ADJOURNMENT**

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# CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION

**DATE:** July 11, 2023

**PLACE:** Council Chambers, 207 NW Pleasant St., Myrtle Creek, Oregon

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Vice Chair Linda Connell

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Bill Umphlett, Jim Davies, Mark Pavlak, Olivia See

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** City Administrator Lonnie Rainville, City Recorder Joanna Bilbrey, Parks Coordinator Michael Branson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Linda Connell called the July 11, 2023 meeting to order at 5:30 PM

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No audience participation

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Olivia See to accept the meeting minutes for June 13, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Pavlak. Discussion: No discussion followed

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Review of the May 2023 and June 2023 Park Financials.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Park Memorial

Pictures were shared of benches found in other communities. Some wording changes were discussed on types of materials that the bench criteria would need to meet.

Recommendation made by Commissioner Mark Pavlak to submit the recommendation to allow bench memorials in the parks to City Council. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bill Umphlett.

Discussion: Commissioners discussed including in the policy wording on placement

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*and types of benches. It was also suggested to try to keep the benches uniform. It was suggested to have three options available, but to allow individuals to bring other bench options to the Park Commission for vote. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Parks Report**

Parks Coordinator Michael Branson thanked Linda and the Garden Club for the weeding that they did in the park. New pickleball nets were installed at the courts in Evergreen Park. The ivy growing on the trees at Creekside Park will be cut once the food truck court has been finished. Releveling and pouring of concrete will be completed at Maggie Steinbaugh Memorial Park in the area next to the library. Michael would like to start work on fixing up the sign at the entrance to Millsite Park. If the signs cannot be restored Michael suggested that the Park Commission think about what other type of signs or maps they might want to put up. The new shared park and public works employee will be starting on Monday and will be spending two days a week in the parks. Michael mentioned a thank you to one of the lifeguards, Marcus, who along with his dad put up the shade cloth over the picnic area on the pool deck.

Discussion was had on adding pickleball lines to the lower basketball court next to the library. By just adding lines the court could still be used for basketball.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Updates on the Council decisions for the pickleball court cover, extension of the Millsite Park Nature Trail, and the bench memorials. Signage will be needed if the Millsite Nature Trail is expanded.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Park Commissioner Davies shared that there is a wide crack in the asphalt path next to the RV park. Lonnie shared the section of the Municipal Code that covers the Park Commission. He is going to be looking at possible updates that the code might need and would like to have an orientation for Park Commission members.

### **ADJOURNMENT at 6:17 P.M.**

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Linda Connell  
Parks Commissioner Vice Chair

Attest:

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Joanna Bilbrey, City Recorder

## Chess outdoor tables

A few examples of outdoor chess tables. There are some beautiful ones, they have prices to match. Start with one and see what becomes of it. Again, several different styles and prices. Here are three styles, the wood bench type, the concrete style and the lawn style. The bench style, you have the benches already. Picking out a few boards as even as possible. A table with even boards, to start, it's only one bench. And a few grass or lawn types. There are many this is just a touch. I took one of my folding tables to create a chess board on it, to see what, and how. Not much paint. The bench will need some kind of outdoor wood, oil base maybe and polyurethane after using the bench it's self as one of the colors. I will volunteer to paint it on. Many different objects can be used as chess pieces. It's just me I guess, but it's difficult to see a big park without one. Plus, that younger minds have an additional challenge available to them that they might find enjoyable, set up a club, one town against the other, hold competitions from all towns. The way you would hold a 5K. Could put one in each park. On the tables that are there already. There are chess men available. The best for now is a style they use for learning, competitions and such, inexpensive set there are a few to choose from. One set for each truck that way there is no confusion. The patron can leave a driver's license, a twenty dollar deposit both returned when set is returned.

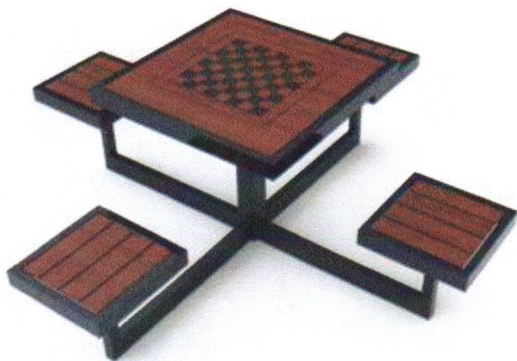
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GOOD START AND IT WON'T COST  
MUCH - MANY DIFFERENT OBJECTS AS MEN



Different Base  
concrete

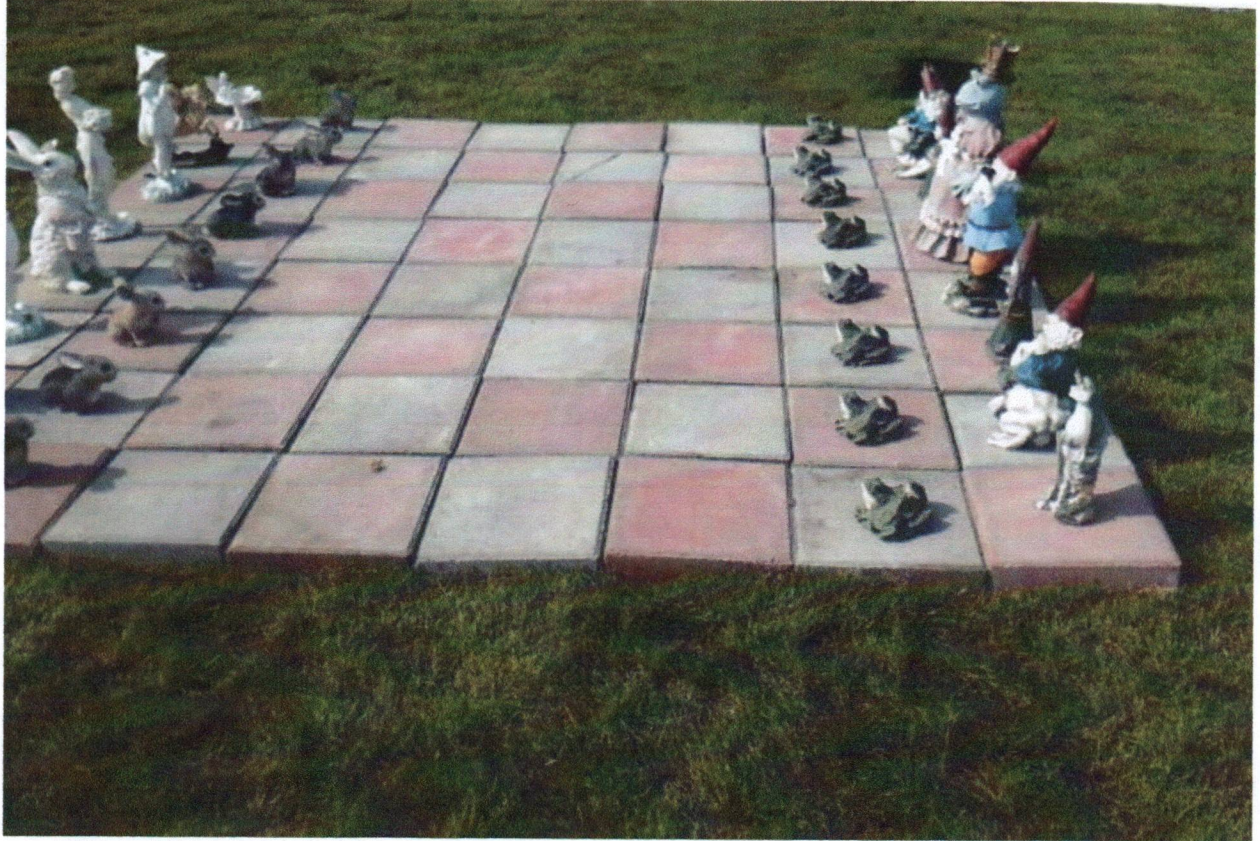


wood type cost?



concrete  
type w/ benches  
you already have.

easy to put together and more fun if it catches on first



stepping stones

CAN USE numerous objects as pieces



Graduated version