

**Park Commission
Meeting minutes
February 10, 2025
Town Hall**

Members present: Jeannette Dan, Nora Slick, Melissa Hargreaves and Jeanne Dinterman

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

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Motion
Reminders to park commission
Reminders to Town

Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Nora seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Council Update

The council approved for the park commission to submit the tree grant.

Updates

Memorial Day - Nora informed us that Laura Marfitt has agreed to be the speaker at our Memorial Day program; Laura is a Veteran and worked at the Pentagon. Nora will ask Julie Bringham, pastor of Foxville-Greensburg Lutheran Church to offer the blessing at the Memorial Program.

Old Business

Lions Park Entrance Sign - We discussed sign design. We determined that we really don't want the mesh looking sign and would prefer stone/wood/lit, hopefully using solar energy, and natural looking so that it matches the aesthetics of Lions Park and the newly renovated pavilion. Members are to look at signs at other parks, do some research to bring to the next meeting on potential styles and sizes of signs so that we can select the perfect sign.

New Business

MUCFC Tree Grant - Council approved our tree grant, Jeannette has the information and will send it to Anna Twigg. [Jeannette will check with the Scouts about dates that are open for them to help with this project.](#)

FY26 Budget requests - Jeannette handed out the operating budget for the park. We discussed some of the expenses and were curious as to the line items involved in each of those. We determined amounts we feel will be needed for maintenance and improvements for our parks. We are asking for \$9,000.00 for percussion play musical instruments as an installment in Lions Park as part of the replacement plan for equipment removed out of safety concerns. The park commission would like to begin working on a component of the Veterans Park landscaping plan. We want to be methodical about this to ensure it's done correctly. We are asking \$15,000.00 for landscaping plan implementation. [Melissa Hargreaves made a motion to send the proposed budget to the council. Jeannette seconded the motion and all were in favor.](#)

CP&P Grant FY26 - [Members are to look for plans for "natural play area" ideas to bring to the next meeting as this may be the section we start exploring to implement our landscaping plan.](#)

New Members - [Melissa Hargreaves moved for Amber Rupert to be recommended to the council to be considered for placement on the park commission. Jeanne Dinterman seconded the motion and all were in favor.](#)

Member Comments

Nora complimented the EDC Town of Smithsburg facebook posts. We all agreed the posts are informative and have introduced us to some businesses in our area that we didn't know about. Great job EDC!!

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Hargreaves`