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Town of Cicero Park Board Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2026

- I. **Call to order** Meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 5:00 pm. Secretary Bell conducted roll call. Park Board members were present or absent as follows.

Present: Dan Strong
Mary Devlin
Clayton Bell
Amy Wolfe

Absent: Susan Sparks

- II. **Declare a Quorum Present:** President Wolfe declared quorum with four members present.

- III. **Others Present:** Sierra Fisher, Utility Clerk
Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent
Dennis Johnson, Council Member, Parks Liaison

- IV. **Approval of Agenda** Ms. Devlin motioned to approve the meeting agenda, Mr. Bell seconded, motion carried 4-0.

- V. **Approval of Prior Minutes** Mr. Bell motioned to approve the December meeting minutes; Mr. Strong seconded; motion carried 4-0

VI. **Old Business**

- a. **Gas Tank Update and Pump Replacement-** Superintendent Hunter stated they have been working constantly on this project. The old tank was taken out, and all ground is clean just waiting for the test to come back to send to IDEM. The new tank is in now and the plumbing work is in progress. Plumbing should be completed in about two weeks. The area is open; it is still a bit of a mess. The plan is to seed grass and improve the appearance of the area.
- b. **Grant Opportunities- Amy Shankland-** 2 art grants were applied for. One for rain barrels and one for a mural. We should hear back about those at the end of January.



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- c. Tree Cutting at Red Bridge-**This is still in progress just waiting for the weather to get better. The \$2400 was encumbered from the 2025 budget that will still cover this.
- d. Drainage Project at Red Bridge-** All the boring has been done under the parking lot. The set concrete structure should be done next week with help from the parks & street department.
- e. Library Property discussion-** Mr. Strong stated it was a very positive meeting with the library board. It sounds like some things still need to be figured out and we are looking forward to more discussion about the project. Mr. Johnson was very ecstatic about how the meeting went and looks forward to more discussion.

- VII. New Business-** Mr. Bell made a motion to flip new business A and B, Ms. Devlin seconded; motion carried 4-0
- a. Amendment of bylaws to reflect town ord.-** Mr. Strong explained that the bylaws need modifications to match the town ordinance 04-16-2024-02. The board needs a President and Vice President; a secretary is no longer required as an officer. Mr. Strong made a motion to modify the bylaws to match town ordinance 04-16-2024-02, Ms. Devlin seconded; motion carried 4-0.
 - b. Election of Officers - President, Vice President and Secretary-** Mr. Strong made a motion to open nominations for president, Mr. Bell seconded. Mr. Strong then nominated Mr. Bell for President, Ms. Devlin seconded. Mr. strong made a motion to close the nominations, and Ms. Devlin second. With no other nominations motion carried 4-0 and Mr. Bell assured role of Park Board President. Mr. Strong made a motion to open nominations for Vice President; Mr. Bell seconded. Ms. Wolfe nominated Ms. Devlin for Vice President; Mr. Strong seconded. Mr. Strong made a motion to close the nominations, and Mr. Bell second. With no other nominations motion carried 4-0 and Ms. Devlin assured role of Park Board Vice President. With the previous amendment to the bylaws the secretary position is no longer required as an officer.



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VIII. Miscellaneous

- a. Cicero Friends of the Park 2026 Events** - Ms. Wolfe passed out the 2026 Events for the year. Mr. Strong was excited about such a great list of events for 2026.

Superintendent Hunter mentioned that the Farmers Market will begin on the first Saturday in May and they are looking for more vendors and ways to draw people in to attend. Mr. Strong then asked Superintendent Hunter about alcohol being allowed in Community Park or if it was just specific to the 2025 Farmers Market season, Superintendent Hunter was going to check. If it is specific to one season, we would want to address this prior to the 2026 Farmers Market season.

IX. Next Meeting February 5th, 2026, at 5:00pm, Town Hall

- X. Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Devlin, Mr. Strong seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm by President Bell.

Terms:

- Clayton Bell- Council Appointment- 1/5/26-1/2030
- Mary Sue Devlin- Council Appointment- 1/5/26-1/2030
- Dan Strong- Council Appointment- 5/8/24-1/4/27
- Amy Wolfe- Council Appointment- 5/8/24-1/3/28
- Susan Sparks- Library Appointment - 4/3/25-1/1/29