



**PARKS
DEPARTMENT**

Town of Cicero Park Board Meeting Minutes

May 7th, 2026

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

Present: Dan Strong
Mary Devlin
Amy Wolfe

Absent: Clayton Bell
Sierra Fisher

- II. **Declare a Quorum Present:** Vice President Devlin declared quorum with three members present.

- III. **Others Present:** Sarah Millis, Parks Administrative Assistant
Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent

- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Wolfe made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Mr. Strong seconded; motion carried 3-0.

- V. **Approval of Prior Minutes:** Ms. Wolfe made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Mr. Strong seconded; motion carried 3-0

- VI. **Old Business:**

- a. **Gas Tank Update and Pump Replacement-** The reimbursement check for the gasoline was received. Still working on a couple of compliance issues and testing. The final invoice for payment will be submitted.
- b. **Grant Updates-Duke, Vectren-** Duke Energy grant was awarded for 12ft movie screen and speakers at the library pavilion. A grant to Vectren was submitted for safety equipment. Beginning work on the Creating Spaces crowd funding grant to replace the playground on the south side of Community Park. The hope is to have it be farm themed with mulch as the surfacing. On paper, project will be \$110,000. \$10,000 will come from park budget so the goal will be to raise \$50,000 to get a \$50,000 match. The Friends of the Park has committed to donate \$10,000 to the



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crowdfunding. The LWCF grant for the Red Bridge cove project is starting. Amy Shankland and J2 design will both be taking part in getting this grant submitted. The deadline for submittal is July 1, 2026, but could take 9 months to 1 year to get final confirmation that it is being awarded.

- c. **Library Property-** Still working on finalizing. Parks Department has been taking care of landscaping, flowers, and mowing.
- d. **Park Impact Study-Proposal-** Time to update the RIF study for the Town. Impact Fees are a 1-time fee for new homes built in Town. The money can only be used for very specific projects. It will be \$33-\$35,000 to have it completed. Mr. Hunter will be going to the council to ask for funding help; should be able to use some of the park impact fees for this. The park board will have to take part in and participate in the studies, meetings, committees, etc. Vice President Devlin asked for a motion to move forward with this. Mr. Strong motioned and Ms. Wolfe seconded, motion carried 3-0.
- e. **Flagpole at Red Bridge-** This flagpole will be 50ft with a 10x15 flag, 18x25 for special occasions. To install the pole is \$14,000, \$2,000 for lighting, \$1,000 for misc. expenses. Project will be approximately \$21,700. Planning to have swings and benches as well. Tentatively, the FOP has committed up to \$10,000, Legion up to \$5,000, Kokomo Auto World and Private Investors are also expected to donate towards this. Plan is to have it ready by July 4th.
- f. **Bourbon Tasting-** 117 tickets sold and profit of \$7,100

VII. New Business-

VIII. Miscellaneous –

- a. **Farmers Market-** 33 vendors on first weekend, more than 45 scheduled for the 9th. All vendors sold out on first weekend.
- b. **Sethi Trail Dedication-** May 23rd at 10am. The trail dedication includes a sign, bench, brochures, framed items and a ceremony.



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IX. Next Meeting June 4th, 2026, at 5:00pm, Town Hall

X. Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wolfe, Mr. Strong seconded the motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm by Vice President Devlin.

Terms:

- Clayton Bell- Council Appointment- 1/5/2026-1/1/2030
- Mary Sue Devlin- Council Appointment- 1/5/2026-1/1/2030
- Dan Strong- Council Appointment- 5/8/2024-1/4/2027
- Amy Wolfe- Council Appointment- 5/8/2024-1/3/2028
- Sierra Fisher - Library Appointment – 2/19/2026-1/1/2029

I. Signatures of Board

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_____ **Dan Strong** _____

_____ **Amy Wolfe** _____

_____ **Mary Devlin** _____

_____ **Clayton Bell** _____

_____ **Sierra Fisher** _____

Attest: _____

Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent

Sarah Millis, Parks Administrative Assistant



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