

Merlin Park Minutes

October 6th, 2025

The meeting started at 5:03pm.

Directors Present

Jan Slusser, Lynda Spangler, Mark Jones, Mike Chanquet, Cathy Campbell

Others Present

Randy Benetti – Park and Board Operations Assistant and Ken Mele – Park Host and Grounds Keeper,
Mike and Chris Baker Veterans Walk of Honor

Visitors: Melissa Vierra-Evergreen Bank, Matt & Autumn with RVYM, Chuck Delore, VFW

Veterans Business Meeting ~ Walk of Honor

The General Meeting was delayed to concur information on the upcoming Veterans Memorial Celebrations, including the information on the ceremonial brochure and order of event and engravings for the year. It was confirmed that the RVYM wishes to provide the Veterans Breakfast and Melissa Vierra noted that Evergreen will be donating \$1,000 towards the cost of the breakfast planning on 100 plus veterans. A pancake breakfast with sausage and orange juice were decided as the meal offered. No charge to veterans or their spouses. \$10 per person otherwise. The Rogue Singers will be performing as well.

Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was proposed by Mike Chanquet per revisions noted on 2 names and seconded by Lynda Spangler, Voted unanimously in favor. Mark Jones previously noted that a signature for approved Minutes be incorporated into the Park's process for Legal purposes Cathy Campbell asked for clarification as to who should sign and how publically displayed on the website. The signature to be redacted so as not to be copied, but original on file for any legal uses. Jan Slusser signed the approved Sept 2, 2025 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report present by Mike Chanquet the end of month balance being \$7551.31. The petty cash balance is at \$94.77. The Walk of Honor balance at \$1,833.79. Motion to adopt the Finance report as proposed by Mark Jones and seconded by Cathy Campbell. Voted unanimously in favor.

Ken's Report

Ken Mele asked about the rental agreement to confirm why, and Jan Slusser noted that it is a formality for legal purposes and insurance. Ken to request maintenance and yearly service and that is being done by Randy Benetti – Park and Board Operations Assistant. Randy Benetti asked for \$200 to repair the grey mower and Mark Post made a motion to do so with Lynda Spangler seconding the motion. Voted unanimously in favor. Lynda Spangler noted that we should have a budget set aside for maintenance specifically, Mike Chanquet and Cathy Campbell noted the approved budget for 2025-2026 included \$2,000 for park maintenance expenses in the general budget.

Community Report

Mark Jones noted that the newly created Merlin Area Fire District is meeting an additional date unclear as to when but the calendar will be updated. Jan Slusser noted there are four rentals for the month of October The Gazebo turret was repainted. \$300 was paid to Williams to do various work and repairs.

Other Notes

Flags for the Veterans Walk of Honor area are in tattered condition and costs to replace varied. A motion by Mike Chanquet to give Jan Slusser a \$500 budget to replace prior to the Veterans Ceremony and seconded by Lynda Spangler was Voted unanimously in favor. Cathy Campbell asked to discuss the Park Logo as Mark had an updated copy on the table for viewing. Mark noted the difference between two options and the open center option Cathy Campbell made a motion to approve for the park letterhead and website uses, and seconded by Lynda Spangler. Mark Post noted he would send both copies to Cathy Campbell and make available in various formats. Mark Post then noted that his many volunteer obligations has left him with the decision to step down as a board member but would remain on as a volunteer to assist with his skill set. Cathy Campbell asked that he stay on at least through November, to which he noted he would then turn in a written notice of such suggesting that Randy Benetti fill out his term until the 2027 elections. Lynda Spangler asked for an update on the Food Pantry making plans to move to the Baptist Church, Cathy Campbell noted it was still unknown at the time of this meeting.

Old Business/New Business

During the month of September, text messages went out to the board about the inability to repair the craftsman riding lawnmower and it was decided to sell it. Cathy Campbell posted it for sale on craigslist and multiple Facebook groups and had Randy Benetti meet with anyone interested. It sold for \$200 in a few days and Mike Chanquet deposited the funds to put toward the other mowers repairs. A Merlin resident presented a commercial holiday lights donation of 3 areas for the park (the veterans area, the gazebo and a large tree). She included lights, timers, extension cords and storage boxes for all. The park will need to decide how, when and who to install them for the holidays. It was asked that she remain anonymous.

The meeting was closed at 6:59 pm.