

Merlin Park Minutes

January 5th, 2026

The meeting started at 5:00 pm

Directors Present

Jan Slusser, Lynda Spangler, Mike Chanquet, Cathy Campbell, Randy Benetti

Others Present

Ken Mele – Park Host and Grounds Keeper, Mark Jones Volunteer, Mike & Chris Baker WOH Chairs and Guest Mykal Jense

Minutes

Motion to adopt the December minutes was proposed by Mike Chanquet and seconded by Randy Benetti, Voted unanimously in favor.

Guest presentation request

Mark Jones with the newly created Fire District presented an offer to provide noise reduction panels in the community room with foam type panels paid for and installed by the newly created district to prevent echoing. All board members agreed that this donation would be appreciated. Mike Chanquet made a motion and Lynda Spangler seconded the motion to accept the acoustic tiles if such a motion required all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report present by Mike Chanquet the end of month balance being \$5,241.60. The petty cash balance is at \$68.20. The WOH portion of the finance report is \$1807.94 Motion to adopt the Finance report as proposed by Randy Benetti and Cathy Campbell seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

Old Business ~ Veterans Day Review

The Old Business of the December meeting was reviewed a 2nd time for those not in attendance at that meeting.

Ken's Report

Ken Mele made note of receiving a \$250 bonus from the Park and thanked all for such. He is not sure of the mower having a flat tire but will be needed to be checked when it is to be used again. He also noted that he has a surgery planned for February 4th if that interferes with any park requirements to make sure we have coverage of such.

Maintenance Report

Randy Benetti noted that he fixed the west side door. He also noted on a Safety issue of turning on lights in the bathrooms earlier due to darkness hours during winter.

WOH Report

Mike Baker noted that there were 4 new sign-ups for the Walk of Honor. He asked the Board to bring up things we may want the Project Youth to work on come summer, and also noted we should be able to apply for the \$50 Costco gift for one of our events .

Community Report

Jan Slusser noted there were no new rentals. She noted that the Girl Scouts are back to using the center every other Wednesday at \$25 month.

New Business

Lynda Spangler checked into putting together a Lawn Mower Race type of event and found it was not a viable event due to additional insurance needed. Cathy Campbell presented draft options in detail for the Spaghetti Feed event, the Flea Market Event and the Car Show Event based on the December meeting. This included flyers, banners and donation request letter. Lynda, Jan and Mike Chanquet did not want to include a cooking contest in the Flea market event. The donation request letter was asked to be revised and Cathy asked if the banner for just the Spaghetti Feed could be moved forward on in regards to having a color logo or the black and white logo. She noted she would go to the mail center in town to work on Banners for the Event. Mike Chanquet and Cathy Campbell to meet on revisions to the Flea Market event for next meetings review. Jan Slusser noted that Baldini's already donated spaghetti sauce for the Spaghetti Feed Event that they do not use. She noted that we need to all collect 2 bottles of wine for the event and start working on donations for raffle prizes. More details at the next meeting just before the event. The Car Show date was questioned as to being same as year past and not to be in conflict with Father's Day Car Shows, the 11th of July was noted from the December meeting and year past along with car show events already posted in social media. Cathy Campbell noted that people at the car show wanted breakfast options not just a hot dog and that was briefly discussed to decide in a future meeting as to what we will offer.

Randy Benetti made a suggestion then a motion about the dogs on leash sign be moved so that the ball field area dogs can be off leash if well behaved...but where children are at play that the dogs be contained for safety purposes. Mike Chanquet seconded the motion and voted unanimously in favor.

Mike Chaquet noted that insurance premiums will be coming due and has asked for the ability to renegotiate rates, no one objected to this offer and it was noted that he will need the declaration pages to compare coverage differences.

The meeting was closed shortly after 6:00 pm.