



## Noble County Parks and Recreation Board

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### MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. Reports: Meeting called to order at 2:35 PM

##### 1.1 Roll Call and Attendees

**Present:** Grace Caswell, Diann Scott, Kevin Yhant, Chris Macias Padilla

**Absent:** John Metzger, James Haddock

##### 1.2 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (June 25, 2025)

Motion to approve with a spelling amendment:

- **1st:** Chris Macias Padilla
  - **2nd:** Grace Caswell
- Motion carried.**

##### 1.3 President's Report

- Kevin Yhant's appointment to the board was approved by Circuit Court Pro Tem Judge Kevin Wallace, effective immediately.
- Grace Caswell and Diann Scott will draft a press release welcoming Kevin Yhant and thanking Scott Allen for his years of service.
- Distribution list for the release will include: local newspapers, area parks boards, Noble County website, cities and towns, County Council, County Commissioners, and Purdue Extension.

##### 1.4 Noble County Plan Director (Teresa Tackett)- No update at this time

##### 1.5 Noble County Economic Development Corporation

- Grace and Diann were contacted for coordination and support.
- Rail Pannel education details to come after their recent webinar

##### 1.5 Noble County GIS (Steve Hook)- No update.

##### 1.7 Purdue Extension

- 4-H fair wrapped up last week
- Those who qualified for state fair are prepared to transition to State Fair in Indy



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### 1.8 Website & Facebook Report

- Need Bio and photo for Kevin Yant to be added
- Need Bio and photo for Chris Padilla to be added
- Will ask Lori Gagen to add and give Grace website access

### 2. Old Business

- **Rent Fun Kayak Kiosks:** Online meeting occurred.
  - Board is seeking County Council approval to apply for a grant to fund the project.
  - Goal: To activate kiosks in partnership with city and town parks.
  - Planning a meeting with local park leaders.
  - Suggested locations: Duke's Bridge and Mallards' Roost (will require DNR collaboration).
  - Action items: Identify funders and gather community partners.

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1 Requesting Time with County Council

- Seeking presentation time to discuss funding opportunities and partnerships.

#### 3.2 Meeting Schedule

- Discussion on moving toward quarterly or bi-monthly meetings.

#### 3.3 August Meeting Cancellation

Motion to cancel the August 27, 2025, meeting due to member scheduling conflicts:

- **1st:** Grace Caswell
- **2nd:** Kevin Yhant

**Motion carried.**

Next meeting scheduled for September 24, 2025.

### 4. Open Discussion

#### 4.1 Ligonier City Park

- Two pickleball courts planned for 2026.



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### 4.2 Rome City

- Great concert recently held at Sylvan Cellars.
- Parks Board in Rome City more active hosting events

### 4.3 Parks Marketing Materials

- Visit Noble County is partnering with Ligonier Parks to provide new parks banners, as well as donating street banners for cities and towns.

### 4.4 FYI: Rome City – Upcoming Event

- Chautauqua Days are coming up in August.

## 5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:06 PM:

- **1st:** Kevin Yhant
  - **2nd:** Chris Macias Padilla
- Meeting adjourned.**

## 6. Next Meeting

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 2:30 PM**  
**Annex Building, 109 N York St., Albion, IN**