

**PARKS BOARD**  
**February 6, 2024**

Cookie Vanek called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Don Buchert, Marty Hura, Chuck Peterson, Nina Schroeder, Cookie Vanek

**Others Present:** Mayor Tammy Meyer, Council President Steve Thorn, Councilmember Marty Hura, Councilmember Jaime Nosse, Councilmember Chuck Peterson, Village Administrator Ryan Klemm, Don Buchert, Jan Thorn

❖ January 2 minutes were read; Cookie moved to approve; Marty seconded; all voted in favor.

**New Business:**

- Action Items:
  - A Major League Baseball grant application for ballfield improvements will be submitted; await response. (*Tammy/Ryan*)
  
- Discussions:
  - Long-term planning:
    - Upgrading the lodge and adding amenities
    - Improving the ballfields (adding lighting, better drainage, and fees for league play)
    - Replacing playground equipment and pavilion roofs
    - Adding a train-like structure (to mirror the mural) for kids to sit in, an outdoor classroom/environmental education area; an amphitheater; primitive camping; and signage/waypoints
    - Improving launch access to the river, parking, landscaping, and ADA accessibility
    - Making buildings/structures uniform
    - Creating a new park at the historic train station
  - Funding/outreach opportunities shared at the mayor's meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency
  - Prohibiting fishing
  - Researching grant opportunities
  - Updating the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation with final reimbursement information for Phase IV

Cookie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; Nina seconded; all voted in favor.

Please note: An audio recording of this meeting is available via public record request.