Minutes for Troy Community Park Committee meeting on June 26, 2025

The Troy Community Park Committee met on June 26, 2025 at the Christian Church in Troy. Those attending were Denice Franken, Selena Smith, Jennifer Whetstine, Mary Winder, and Betsy Hinds.

Smith read the minutes of the May, 2025 meeting. Whetstine moved to accept them as read, Franken seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Winder presented the financial report, which shows the group has $3,684.86 in its account. The group noticed that some of the donations for the disc golf course did not seem to be listed in the report. Smith will check with the District Office on this. Smith has a donation $500 check from The Bottle Yard for the disc golf course that she will take to the District Office.

Luke Terry with Custom Forestry Applications will check on whether there is sericea lespedeza in the native area later this summer. If he finds it, then we will probably need to have him spray for it.

Smith provided an update on the ragweed issue. She mowed the ragweed along the west edge of the native grass and then spread wildflower seed. She had some of the seed on hand and Winder got some seed packets from Chris Griffin with the Doniphan County Conservation District. The group will need more seed to cover the area. Griffin may have more seed packets to give the Park Committee later in July.

The disc golf course was the next topic of discussion. Smith provided an update. She turned in a bill from Logan Merz for signs and baskets, and that bill has been paid. The group will also owe him for posts and Quikrete. Jake Newton contacted Smith on June 12 about the disc golf pads. He is behind on projects, due to the rainy weather, but he plans to make the disc golf course pads fairly soon.

The Park Committee believes the Libel land has been transferred over to the City of Troy. The group plans to put a pad for the disc golf course on that property on the west side of Park St. The group plans to hold an open house/grand opening when the disc golf course is complete.

Hinds provided information about the volleyball court boundaries. She will get those installed prior to the sand volleyball tournament that the Wellness Committee plans to hold there on July 3 and 4.

It is difficult to locate the buried cement blocks that the boundary corners need to be attached to. They are buried about 26 feet, 3 inches from the ends of the net. They are about 3 feet deep. There are bungee straps attached to the cement blocks that the boundary lines corner straps are attached to.

Smith aired up the volleyballs the group purchased. Whetstine said the height of the net is fine. She measured it. At some point, the group may need to replace the cranks and crank set-up on the volleyball net.

Hinds has a carabiner clip to use to keep the lid for the storage box by the volleyball court from blowing open.

Smith has put some of the wildflower signs back in native grass patch. She is waiting to put the rest up until the plants are more visible. These were taken down prior to last year’s prescribed burn of the native grass area.

The Troy Rec Board has provided the Park Committee with an allotment of $10,000, plus they have also set aside $4,000 for the disc golf course. The Rec Board receives its tax revenue on June 25 and will make the deposit into the Park Committee’s account after that date.

Smith will contact Jim Horner to ask if the city crew could remove the fallen tree limb that is leaning behind the shelter house. She will also ask Horenr if the crew could please mow the path through the native grass area, so people can walk through there.

The Park Committee plans to hold a meeting at the park regarding the proposed tree stand improvement project in mid-August with the Park Committee, the Troy mayor, Luke Terry, Jim Horner, etc.

The Park Committee will follow up with Tip Top Tree service later this summer, if they want to hire them to do any work in the park.

Winder will check the restroom wall to make sure the black area has not returned.

Committee member Jackie Peden provided an update on the geocache site at the park. She emailed the owner and got no response, so she went ahead and purchased a geocache logbook for $15.72. It should arrive on July 8. Whetstine moved to reimburse her for the cost of the logbook, Franken seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Smith has completed the task of creating a scavenger hunt of natural items for children to search for when visiting the park. She has printed the scavenger hunt list with the trail map and placed the copies in the mailbox at the park. Hinds created a QR code that will be placed on the scavenger hunt/map sheets that is linked to the Troy Community Park Facebook page, so people can post a photo after completing the scavenger hunt or walking on the trail.

Smith will check on replacing the rock snake sign.

Whetstine brought up the subject of people getting the playground by the Troy Community Building mixed up with the Troy Community Park. She wonders if the playground area by the Community Center should be given a name. Smith will ask Mayor Micheal Brissett if he would like to get the playground area by the Community Center named.

Possible grant ideas for the future are Rainbow Communications and T-Mobile Hometown grants.

Hinds moved to adjourn the meeting, Smith seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Troy Community Park Committee will be July 24, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the park.