

TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS PARK & REC BOARD
Public and Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026, 7:00 pm.

The Santa Claus Park Board met for their monthly meeting on July 8, 2026, at the Santa Claus Town Hall at 90 N Holiday Blvd, Santa Claus, IN. The public meeting was called to order by Jonathon Kincaid at 7:00 pm.

Park Board Members present: Jonathon Kincaid, Eileen Farmer, and Jennifer Rich.

Also, present, Park and Recreation Director Zach Tischendorf and Jessi Mullen, Park Administrative Assistant, Chris Neyenhaus, town citizen

Eileen Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026, meeting. Jennifer Rich seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Co-ed Softball begins this Friday and will run for 3 weeks. We have about 50 people signed up and concessions will be run by the Boy Scouts.

Bridge grip strips were installed on all the wooden bridges on the trail and at the park.

Zach is looking into grants for lighting at the park. He is working on final stages for the LWCF grant application.

The bathroom renovation at the SCCC has been completed.

Trash can painting has been completed at Yellig Park.

To make doorknobs compliant with ADA, Zach is looking into converting the knobs to handles. This should be less than \$3000 to be completed.

Jennifer Rich made a motion to recommend to the town council that we amend the Food Truck fee to a \$25 non-refundable fee. Eileen Farmer seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Zach has been exploring purchasing a robotic mower. With the cost savings associated with fuel and labor, he has estimated that it could save us about \$3000-\$5000 a year.

Zach received three quotes for an FJDynamics Titan Robotic Mower.

- The RoboZone quote in the amount of \$22999.00 from Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Ecomow quote in the amount of \$29999.00 from Temple, New Hampshire
- Automation Hub quote in the amount of \$23000 for the base mower, with a \$2000 installation and set up and an annual service agreement after the first year in the amount of \$1200. With a total cost of \$26200.

Jennifer Rich makes a motion to recommend the lowest quote under Zach's advisement for the FJ Dynamics Titan Robotics Mower to the Town Council to be taken out of Special Funds.

Eileen Farmer seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Zach discussed the playground options; there are many options. Jessi requested a fence. Zach is going to see what the cost comparison is with the playground being Christmas themed vs. just Christmas colors.

Chris Neyenhaus attended the meeting and asked questions regarding shutting off Ashburn through the park. Zach shared that long term if there was another route through there, we would like to close that off, but not anytime soon.

Neyenhaus also asked about adding glow in the dark paint or reflectors on the edges of the paved trail.

Eileen Farmer made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:32pm. Jennifer Rich seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

The monthly park board meeting was called to order by Jonathon Kincaid at 7:32 pm.

Eileen Farmer made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation vouchers in the amount of \$12244.15. Jennifer Rich seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Eileen Farmer made a motion to approve the SCCC vouchers in the amount of \$2945.95. Jennifer Rich seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

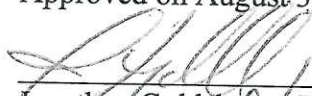
Zach discussed the options for the signage at the Community Center. We would need to get approval from the zoning board before moving forward with any of the options. Option A: custom sign with brick pillars with engineering, non-illuminating would cost \$14010.00. Option B: custom sign with faux brick, non-illuminated sign would cost \$10300.00. Option C: would include the signage for the exterior of the building, with a cost of \$2903.00.

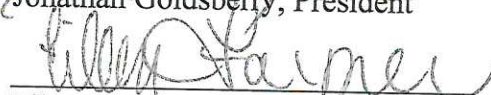
Next Park Board meeting will be held Monday August 3, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Santa Claus Town Hall.

Jennifer Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Eileen Farmer seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Approved on August 3, 2026.


Jonathan Goldsberry, President


Eileen Farmer, Secretary


Jonathon Kincaid, Vice President


Jennifer Rich, Member