

Brown County Park Commission Meeting Minutes
Lost Dog and Fox Hunters Park – 6:30 PM, August 4th, 2025

Members Present: Lisa Schmitz, Tom Schmitz, and Don Wellner

Others present: Tony Berg- County Commissioner, Sam Hansen- County Administrator, Lynn Hage- Park Caretaker, Robert Santaella- Park Director, and Allison Kletscher- Park Assistant

Members of the Public: David Feirer, Brian Domeier

1) Call To Order 6:30 PM

2) May 5th Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Wellner to approve the meeting minutes and seconded by Lisa Schmitz. Motion passed 3-0.

3) Park Reports

- a. Mound Creek: Santaella spoke to the park caretaker who stated that everything is operating as usual. A large rain event pushed the dock and highway helped fixed it. The park is getting a good amount of use. Wellner stated he watched the crew spray the park and noted he would like to get more bids from individuals that do drone spraying next time. He is also working on repainting the park sign.
- b. Trembl: Santaella spoke to the park caretaker who noted the beaver is still plugging up the culvert. Santaella stated that he reached out to Eric who is willing to trap the beaver once the fair is over next week. We will also be working on getting quotes from electricians to work on the yard light. Feirer stated there is a pile of debris taken out of the outlet that should be moved.
- c. Lake Hanska: Hage stated that fishing and camping activity is up. There is new sand at the beach. They are working with the DNR to fix and prevent further erosion in the channel. There has been some trees down from the recent storms and everything is working adequately.
- d. Lost Dog and Fox Hunter: Santaella stated that a storm blew off some shingles on the shelter, we'll need to look into replacing some parking lot poles that are rotting and look at the dock in winter. Tom Schmitz noted that he is part of the LDFH club and they don't really have the funds to donate for park updates.

4) New Business

- a. Mound Creek Ash Trees
Santaella stated park staff is looking for direction from the park commission on how to move forward with the ash trees in Mound Creek Park. Hansen noted

that there is shallow bedrock in that area of the county and that should be taken into consideration if replanting. The commissioners agreed that the ash trees should be taken down focusing on the dead ones first and were opposed to replanting along the entire driveway. They were in support of planting/replanting mixed species of trees in the park where appropriate to provide shade in use areas of the park; plant trees where people gather and cars park.

Motion was made by Wellner to work toward appropriate and systematic removal of ash trees in all the county parks and seconded by Lisa Schmitz. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Wellner to recommend not replanting trees along the entire driveway of the park but support a reforestation plan for use areas of Mound Creek Park. Motion passed 3-0.

b. Lost Dog and Fox Hunters Tree Plan

Santaella stated park staff is looking for direction from the park commission on how to move forward with a tree plan for park since the removal of roughly 70 ash trees. Park commission discussed the driveway, fence line and neighboring campground. They are in support of a living fence or hedge along that line.

Motion was made by Lisa Schmitz and seconded by Wellner to support developing a vegetation plan for driveway and parking lot area. Motion passed 3-0.

5) **Old Business**

a. Trembl Park Outlet

Santaella noted staff has been communicating with the DNR hydrologist. County and DNR staff did a site visit to look at the outlet. County staff submitted a request to do a permit modification to allow replacement in kind for all pipes at the elevations from the 1987 survey. We are waiting to hear back from the DNR on the permit.

6) **Other Business**

a. September Meeting Date

Motion was made by Wellner to move the next meeting to September 15th at 6:30pm at Lake Hanska Park and seconded by Lisa Schmitz. Motion passed 3-0.

7) At 7:32pm, Chairman Schmitz declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes to be approved at the next Park Commission meeting which is scheduled for September 15th, 2025.