

BROOKS NATURE AREA

March 20, 2025 Agenda:

- A. Approve the minutes January 16, 2025 of regular meeting.
- B. Approve the agenda for March 20, 2025
- C. Public Comments. Citizens are to share their comments with us.
- D. Park updates on Monies as 12/31/2024, 2024: **\$30,200.20**

SPECIAL PROJECTS - FUND BALANCE WORKSHEET FOR YEAR END THRU 12/31/2024		FY 2024 End Balance	FY 2025 Revenues	FY 2025 Expenditures	Net Rev/Exp	Current FY 2025 Balance
404-000-387.40	Fund Balance - Brooks Nature	31,767.70	100.00	1,667.50	(1,567.50)	30,200.20

- E. New Board member
- F. Eckford funds 2025 –
 - a. Deck repairs-need quotes from builders
 - b. Invasive species mgmt.
- G. Fredonia funds 2024 –
 - a. Bench arrived
 - b. Need plaques for shed and trash cans (Patty)
 - c. Prescribed burn funding
- H. Luminary Hike recap (Erin)
- I. Work day schedule: (Lauren)
- J. Owl Monitoring (Brian)
- K. Vernal Pool monitoring (Patty)
- L. Maintenance items: (All)
 - a. Prescribed burn 2025-**who is tracking burn schedule?**
 - b. Observation deck support posts -need quotes
 - c. Solar lights-new written policy going forward?

- d. Mowing footprint
- e. New signs (Patty)
- f. Trail counters (Brian)
- g. Viewshed, cool season grasses, clover seeding, native tree/shrub transplanting, wildflower seeding (Jim C.)
- M. Donations account w/City: (All)
- N. Facebook and related media. – Do we have a new account now? (Erin)
- O. Bird & bat houses (Don)
- P. Next meeting, May 15, 2025, 5 pm at Marshall PSB

Adjourn

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Any changes/question, call at 269-832-1235

Good morning, Justin,

As simple as this seems, it is actually a complex question. I would recommend reaching out to David Revore and getting his take.

What I have been told is governments aren't typically in the business of soliciting donations directly. It is one thing if you are having an event and you have a donation jar/bucket associated with that event. However, it opens a different can of worms if it is at a place like the lobby of City Hall. We turn down other group's requests to do so. That is why we have the Marshall Community Foundation as a "middleman" for some of our donation funded projects. I know that the police department recently set up an account with them for child training/safety materials and events. Josh would have info on that.

Another option is asking if you can place something in the Welcome Center's lobby, though I am not familiar with their policies.

Thanks,

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