

CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN PARK BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting
January 27, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Morton, Steve Yacono, Dusty Smith, Jody Holloway

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Rector, Barry Schaeffer, Bryan Kepler, John Moore

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President, Jody Holloway

The minutes of November 28, 2025 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Mr. Yacono and seconded by Mr. Smith

Jeff Morton was sworn in as a member of the Parks Commission Board

MAYOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUISNESS:

- Aborotorium to begin at Tudor House targeted for 2nd week of Febery- weather permitting

SISLER: Package plant and unit purchase- bathroom has been delivered. OHM requested meeting for Sisler walking trail

LOCKHART: No report

GRILL: No report

MIRACLE PARK: No report

LAKESIDE: No report.

BOLLAS PARK: No report

NEW BUISNESS: No change to 2026 Budget Outlook:

2025 YE Estimate:	\$ 230,000.00				
2026 Est. Tax Revenue:	\$ 220,000.00				
Other Income:	\$ 70,000.00				
2026 Estimated Funds	\$ 520,000.00				
Less '26 Projects / Spend:					
Package Plant:	\$ 15,000.00				
Sisler Restroom Install:	\$ 55,000.00				
Sisler Trail:	\$ 15,000.00				
OHM Fees:	\$ 38,500.00				
Other Appropriations*:	\$ 276,500.00				
Subtotal:	\$ 400,000.00				
Est. Carryover into 2027:	\$ 120,000.00				

*Includes, contractual, tennis court repayment, supplies, events, etc.

2026 Projects

- Sisler- 1 restroom to be installed by pavilion; 1 by Pickelball courts
 - o Mayor to engage OHM as there is a Community Group interested in offsetting costs potentially (walking trail)
- Lockhart – to be used for baseball / softball in 2026. Youth football will practice there.
 - o There was discussion about moving the dirt hill at Upper Nimisila to Lockhart or potentially Bell Stores.
- Grill Park- electric ran to Pavilion- B. Kepler to get final inspection
 - o J. Moore of Norton Baseball Assication sought approval for Sponsorship Banners. Mayro Rector confirmed NYBA gets revenue and funds go towards NYBA, port-a-pots, lawncare, etc. **S. Yacano approved the motion and Jeff Morton 2nd.**
 - o NOTE: Mayor Rector did request a formalization of a process and permission for some of these types of requests.
 - o Mayor Rector expressed interest in promoting Norton’s Wiffleball Tournament July 18/19.
- Miracle Park- S. Yocanno to reach out to MYBL to see if 2nd field is needed
- Lakeside Park- No Report
- Bollas Park- No Report
- Tudor House- \$13,000 profit in 2025

PUBLIC INPUT:

12/7 – Lighting of the Clock Tower 4:00 – 7:00 PM
12/14 – Tudor House Christmas Party 2:00 – 5:00 PM

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 17, 6:30 PM in the Administration building

Respectfully submitted,
Dusty Smith