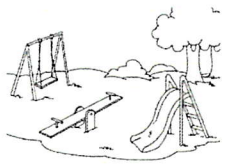
Dixon
Park, Playground and Recreation Board

September 8, 2026



Dixon Park, Playground and Recreation Board met on September 8, 2026. Attending were Mayor Terry Webb, Board Chair Eddie Branson, Board members Vanessa Schmitt, LaDon Mooney, Gena Hisch, and Pam Burley. Brian Stull was absent.

LaDon made a motion to approve previous minutes and expenses, seconded by Gena, all ayes.

Ladon has been approached by a group with WCHS about hosting a 5k at Baker Park. She has connected them to the City Clerk, who has sent them a Park Use Agreement and tentatively scheduled the fun run for the morning of October 31. The City is awaiting the agreement to be signed and returned.

Splash pad – Cost of maintenance was briefly discussed. Mayor Webb will bring more details about annual expenses next month. Operating expense is expected to higher next year, as it is likely new pumps will be needed. The Board discussed the possibility of installing a fence that can be locked, and reaching out to other communities with splash pads to see how they address issues. Installing insulation in the building has begun, but is not yet completed. Gena made a motion to purchase further materials for the insulation project from Dixon Hardware, seconded by LaDon, all ayes.

Disc golf/walking trail – Plan to install landscape timbers around benches during clean up day.

Flower boxes – Vanessa will work on changing the decorations to corn stalks and mums soon.

A changeable sidewalk sign has been purchased and set up on the corner of Hwy 41A and St Rt 132. Sign will be used to advertise events hosted by the Board. Gena is still gathering quotes on a sign to be placed at the entrance of Baker Park.

Fans at pavilion – Fans were previously removed due to damage and no longer working. Eddie will check on pricing to replace.

Family Night at Baker Park – September 19 – The Board delegated members to serve for concessions, cornhole tournament, movie, and Hometown Proud t-shirt sales, and discussed changing the start time for games to 6pm instead of 7pm due to the timing of sunset.

Community Clean Up Day – Will be rescheduled to a date after the soccer season wraps up.

Burgoo Fundraiser – October 24 – Eddie will confirm if Lakeview Baptist Church will allow the Board to use their kitchen for prep work the night before. Vanessa is seeking kettles to borrow, and a recipe is needed to determine ingredients and supplies needed. Donations will be sought.

Trunk or Treat – October 31 – 4-7pm at Baker Park. All Board members will invite groups, churches, and individuals to set up trunks.

Veterans Day Celebration – November 7 – A schedule will need to be made, but planning to start event with parade at 11am. City Clerk Barb will schedule food trucks. Gena made a motion to charge a $25 vendor fee for food trucks and others selling items; non-profits and those not selling items will not be charged, seconded by Vanessa, all ayes. Vendors will be encouraged to decorate with red, white, and blue. No political campaigns will be authorized to set up. Vanessa and LaDon will reach out to the National Guard and local residents to try to schedule military vehicles for the parade. Due to other activities still to be discussed, a called meeting may be necessary.

Crumb Rubber Grant – Picnic tables and benches purchased with the grant funds have been received and are in place at the park. There have been 13 sponsorships received to assist the Board and the City with grant funding matching. The Board will be installing plaques on benches to recognize sponsors soon.

A meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 5:30pm.

LaDon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gena, all ayes.

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Eddie Branson, Board Chair

Vanessa Schmitt, Board Secretary

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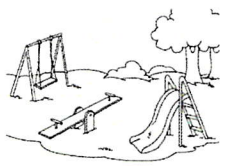

Dixon Park, Playground and Recreation Board met on September 29, 2026 to continue planning upcoming events. Attending were Mayor Terry Webb, Board Chair Eddie Branson, Board members Vanessa Schmitt, LaDon Mooney, Brian Stull, and Pam Burley. Gena Hisch was absent.

Burgoo fundraiser – October 24 with pickup starting at 11am – Will meet at Lakeview Baptist Church October 23 at 5:30pm for prep work and 7am on sales day to start cooking. Eddie will provide wood, Pam will donate quart containers. Prices were set at $12 for a quart, and $40 for a gallon. LaDon made a motion for Brian to seek ingredient donations and/or purchase ingredients to be reimbursed by the Board fund, seconded by Vanessa, all ayes. Vanessa made a motion to advertise in the Sebree Banner, seconded by Brian, all ayes.

Trunk or Treat – October 31, 4-7pm – Discussed area to park decorated vehicles so that safe visitor parking is available. First Baptist Church will have hot dogs, and Lakeview Baptist Church will have popcorn and water. Board members will seek individuals, groups, businesses, etc to set up and pass out treats. Vanessa made a motion to advertise in the Sebree Banner, seconded by Brian, all ayes.

Veterans Day Celebration – November 7 – Approval has been received to use the courthouse lawn/parking areas again this year. Will need to request assistance for traffic control. Will check with Barb to ensure high school band is scheduled. Two food trucks have been scheduled; they are aware of vendor fee but have not paid yet. Gena may oversee a pet pageant again this year, but as she was absent from the meeting, currently unsure on that activity. Will check with Dixon business Starlite Party Rentals if they have an inflatable before seeking one elsewhere. Vanessa is working on contacting the Providence VFW for a color guard for the parade, and maybe military vehicles. One military Jeep is scheduled. Will contact WC Senior Center for recommendations on a grand marshal. Brian made a motion to purchase a bingo set for about $64.00, seconded by LaDon, all ayes.

Vanessa will place flyers for advertisements, and ask the city clerk to update the sidewalk sign.

A meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 5:30pm.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam, all ayes.

Edward Branson

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