

**DUQUESNE MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2026, MEETING MINUTES – FINAL**

Call to Order: 5:30pm by Gamboa

Roll Call: Jessca Hilton, Rick Gamboa, Caleb Lewis arrived 5:38pm, Becca White absent excused, Mayor Bill Sherman

Also attending: Olivia Spencer HSTCC

Approve Agenda: Hilton/Sherman 3-0

Approve Prior Minutes: Hilton/Sherman 3-0

Old Business:

. Pickleball: Tabled to next meeting.

. Update on Gravel Park Lot: Sherman said Nelson is waiting until RE Smith is finished with the restroom area to do the lot. It should be done by mid-March.

. Sign Size: Becca has not sent size to Hilton yet. Sherman says the sign appears solid with a slight lean.

. Shrubbery: Sherman will see that this is complete on time in southeast area.

. Bell Tower Update: The following is recommended to the BofA for implementation.

Stephenson has provided a sample "Public Advertisement," a separate packet that includes "Design and Build Services Statement of Qualifications": Sample map and possible options to consider. This packet will be given to prospective bidders.

Olivia (HSTCC) will send our city clerk a list of their bidders and will also publish the advertisement on their website and Facebook page. Sherman will check to see what the best option for the required publication.

The following are additions to be made in the "Public Advertisement" statement.

. Contact number for the city would be 417.781.5085

. Email contact is t.ingram@duquesnemo.org.

. The city to provide correct address for the park to HSTCC.

. The deadline to request detail information will be filled in by the city clerk at a date, 60 days from the publication date.

. Duquesne will also post the "Public Advertisement" on the city site.

The following changes requested to be made on the "Design and Build Services Statement of Qualifications"

. A four-sided Clock tower is to be +/- 25 feet tall....

- . Strike paragraph "Memorial dedicated...."
- . Add "small plaque to indicate that the clock is set to the time the tornado hit Duquesne which at present time seems to be 5:48pm. Hilton suggested a plaque saying "Memorial Clock" could be put up to avoid confusion as to why the clock is not functional.
- . Under Lighting..., strike paragraph and add industrial grade solar dusk to dawn LED down lighting on four sides.
- . Add a ten-foot concrete boarder on all sides of the tower and an eight-foot walkway to connect to the trail.
- . 20' to be changed to 25' on all drawings and specifications for the tower.
- . Remove "stone engraved monument" where shown.
- . Any memorial honoring the victims will be provided by the city.

New Business: Mayor needs to be listed on the park committee on the city site.

Ribbon Cutting Date: May 30th Sherman recommends that Becca has contacts for publishing the "Public Advertisement" and we should allow her to handle.

Splashpad Opening Date: May 23rd Mayor will check for function prior to opening date.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Olivia spoke about items still needed. Close out check list. Boundary map (she may be able to help in house) to omit the tornado shelter and add the parking lot. Sherman said we can have one professionally made. We need a deed restriction drawn plus other items in her note of Feb 2nd.

Schedule Next Meeting: March 12th, 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:48 pm Sherman/Hilton 5-0