Park Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell, October 8, 2026 at 6 p.m.

- Chair called the Town of Russell Park Committee board meeting to order on October 8, 2026 at 6:03pm at the Russell Town Hall. Chair Elise Schuler, Treasurer/Secretary Mary Huhta, and two citizens present.

- Treasurer Report -
    - reviewed ARPA budget
    - reviewed donations for Rice Park Pavilion

- Chair Report - no new news

- Echo Lake
    - Reviewed with Tim what has been wrapped up for year
    - Discussed options for storing picnic table during off-season

- Rice Park
    - Pavilion fundraising
        - Progress update - reviewed current fundraising amounts
        - Grants - check has been awarded, will deposit this week
        - Golf Scramble - check to be awarded later in October
        - Thank Yous / Donation Letters - filled out three cards/letters for donors
    - Misc. updates
        - Porta-Potty 2027 - Huhta to meet up with individual selling used porta potty to check it out
        - Basketball court
            - landscaping plan? ask town board at next meeting
            - stencil - had community member volunteer to use/do stenciling - Huhta to reach out to him
        - Tables/Benches
            - discussed storage options for winter - can we store in town shed?
            - staining - plan to do it in the spring - look for volunteer group (Leos, 4H, NHS, etc.)
        - Sandbox - getting installed over the next week
        - Landscaping
            - Hsu's - trees/bushes have been ordered and will be picked up next week
            - Tractor Supply - still waiting on tax-exempt to process, then will put in order ASAP
            - planning to have two "community/volunteer" evenings for folks who are willing to help plant
        - Ball bin
            - wind is causing issues; Amy to see if we are eligible for warranty replacement
            - overall seems like being used well - no thefts
        - Driving Issues
            - Parking lot - Citizen mentioned that local kid is goofing off with ATV/dirtbike on parking lot - will talk to him if sees it continuing
            - Neighbors driving across park - tire marks again two weeks ago - will ask Town Board to have discussion with neighbors to address this

Next regular Parks Committee Meeting Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 6 pm.