

Park Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell, June 4, 2026 at 6 p.m.

- Treasurer/Secretary called the Town of Russell Park Committee board meeting to order on June 4, 2026 at 6:09pm at the Russell Town Hall. Chair Elise Schuler, Treasurer/Secretary Mary Huhta, and one citizen present.
- Treasurer Report -
 - Huhta to check on invoice for playground installation.
 - Huhta to confirm with ARPA contact regarding whether remaining ARPA funds need to be spent by EOY 2026 or if allocation is alright.
- Chair Report - no new news
- Echo Lake
 - Reviewed tasks left to complete (painting, toilet paper, etc.)
 - Beach sand has been installed and looks great.
 - Mowing - is Echo Lake mowed by town or should it be a volunteer? Huhta will check with Town Clerk.
- Rice Park
 - Remaining Site Work
 - Dirt pile/seeding - S
 - GS has not responded after several attempts to contact
 - Tim suggested volunteers to take care of pile and landscaping
 - If no volunteers available, Huhta will ask Town Clerk to post/bid for new contractor to do work
 - Logs/brush - all gone
 - Neighbor debris - no word and debris is still there - Huhta will ask about update
 - Neighbors driving through park to access their property - This is still happening regularly. Huhta will ask Board to officially send letters; Schuler said she can draft a letter that Parks committee can provide Board with
 - Pavilion - need to get more definite numbers for pavilion cost estimates; Mitchell scheduled to have discussion with contractor following week
 - Misc.
 - Porta-Potty
 - Permit is ready to go
 - Schuler will investigate rental again
 - Official opening day/kickoff
 - want this once grass has started to take well in landscaping
 - tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 18th
 - will use this as a grand opening, but also to kick off fundraising for pavilion
 - planning to have interim meeting to hash out details for grand opening - tentative date of June 16th, 6PM at Town Hall

Next regular Parks Committee Meeting Tuesday, July 2, 2025 at 6 pm.