

Village of Portage, Ohio
Parks Committee Record of Proceedings

8/17/2026

CALL TO ORDER: by Mel Amos at 6:09PM; Pledge of Allegiance said

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Heather Amos, Melissa Amos-James, Mel Amos
OTHER OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES	Mayor. Mark Wolford; Office Asst. MacKenzie Wolford
RESIDENTS/NON RESIDENTS	None present

- **WCPD Grant 2026 (Contour Slide)-** Waiting on the site to be prepared by D&D.
- **Enright Parking lots/Driveways-** Millings being moved around. Trying to keep piles as out of the way as possible.
- **ODNR Capital Budget-** Kleinfelder was to meet with the Mayor to mark the layout of the walking path. The Mayor was not informed of the meeting and will need to schedule another meeting to go over issues with the layout.
- **Inclusive & Accessible Equip.**
 - Mel Amos to schedule a meeting with Ryan Wichman to go over information on equipment and programs. Heather Amos and Melissa Amos-James to also reach out to contacts working with programs for playgrounds after Ryan Wichman meeting.
 - Possible fundraising ideas were discussed to help with the purchase of equipment.
 - Focus to be on Inclusive/Accessible equipment with the next round of grants that can be applied for. The Committee would like to create a space for Woodlane residents to be able to utilize the Park.
 - Considering a piece of equipment that can be included in the application submittal for the Wood County Park District 2027 Grant. Applications are due October 17th.
- **Grant Review**
 - **WCPD 2026 Contour Slide-** Awarded \$6,850. Village Matched with \$6,058. Total cost: \$12,908.
 - **ODNR Capital Budget-** Awarded \$100k. Funds to be used for a walking path, bleachers for the ballfield, and drainage to mitigate flooding on the field.
 - **Nature Works-** Applied for \$26,051 in funds for playground equipment. Project cost: \$57,450. Village to match with \$31,399.
- **Other Items**
 - Look into which grant will help with installation of walkways to playground.
 - ~~A vehicle crashed into a utility pole on E. Main St. at approx. 1:30am Sunday. Driver was speeding into town, jumped railroad tracks, went through the pole, and crashed into a tree beside it. Driver taken to hospital, facing charges from County Sheriff. Pole was replaced this afternoon.~~

ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM. Motion to adjourn by Heather Amos, 2nd by Melissa Amos-James. All present in favor, motion carried. **The next Parks Committee meeting will be September 21st at 6pm.**

Mayor: William Mark Wolford Date: 09-08-2026.

President of Council: Mel Amos Date: 09-08-2026.