Gering Parks, Cemetery, and Tree Board Meeting
October 19, 2026

1. Call to order at 5:17 P.M. and roll call: Present: Chairman Don Gentry, Tim Maxcy, Philip Schmitt, Mike Donovan, and Chris Kautz. Absent: Vickie Nemnich and Amy Seiler
2. **Open Meetings Act – NEB. REV. STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14**
   As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available current copies of the Open Meetings Act available on the south wall corkboard in the Park Maintenance Facility Conference Room. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication on the City of Gering website on October 1, 2026, in accordance with the designated method of giving notice. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Chairperson. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and the board determines that the matter requires emergency action.
3. **Visitors**: none
4. **Public Hearings**: none
5. **Reading and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held September 21, 2026**. Tim Maxcy moved to approve and Chris Kautz seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Reports**:
   a. **Cemetery**: see attached documents. Don reported that blue grass seeding and watering is taking place. Some areas will need reseeding in the spring. The cemetery road to the west intersection has had concrete work done and the drainage gutters will be worked on next.
   b. **Parks**: Philip reported that the amphitheater plans are complete and that sod and plants have been placed. Sod and plants are also going in at the Northfield waterfall site. There have been some water sites shut down and winterized. The ballfields have one more tournament this coming weekend and after that they will be winterized.
   c. **Trees**: Philip reported that there are still some trees needing to be cut down and that most of the trees being cut down are Austrian Pines. Fall planting of new trees has begun, as has the planting of some Memorial trees.
7. **Unfinished business**
   a. Carl Gray Park: Don and Amy are still looking into information regarding property lines, who has rights to the UP-railroad property, and how much action we can take on making this area more attractive to the public since it is one of our city entrances
   b. Discussion of use of electric scooters and bikes in the parks: Don stated that our city council is still currently addressing this issue
   c. Consideration of naming the park east of Five Rocks Amphitheater: tabled for the next meeting
   d. Discuss Park Foundation Structure: Don stated that Amy is still working on this issue
8. **New Business**
   a. Discuss of the fence around the cemetery: tabled for the next meeting.

9. **Date, time, and place of next meeting:** November 16, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at the Park Maintenance Building

   OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by the Park Board regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

Motion made by Tim Maxcy and seconded by Philip Schmitt to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.. Motion carried.

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Don Gentry, Chairman

Vicki Nemnich, Park Board Secretary

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