

# Memorandum of Understanding

This document represents an agreement between

**Morgantown Town Council**

and

**Morgantown Park Board**

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## **Description of organizations subject to the MOU**

### **Morgantown Town Council**

The elected body of the town of Morgantown.

### **Morgantown Park Board is**

The appointed park board of the town of Morgantown.

### **Objectives and scope**

The objective is to have 4 benches installed at the basketball court, 2 benches installed at the baseball park, have 3 concrete pads prepared and poured for picnic tables and install 2 grills with tables. Have the park board oversee the completion of the project.

### **The nature of the collaboration**

To work together to achieve a common goal.

### **The Morgantown Town Council will:**

In the absence of the newly formed park boards budget the town council will be insuring the funding of the project. Ordering equipment and materials. Assigning DPW to maintain and install equipment. The Town Council will be responsible for record keeping on this project. The Town Council will be responsible for disbursement of funds.

### **The Morgantown Park Board will:**

The Park Board Will be responsible for the location of benches, grills, concrete pads, and tables. The Park Board will be responsible for final inspection.

### **The terms of the agreement**

The project will be completed by May 24, 2024. This agreement will expire on that date or upon completion of the project. This agreement may be amended by both parties through a written agreement which would become part of this overall agreement.

### **The Town Council of Morgantown**

#### **Principal Contact Details**

Councilman Joe Blevins will be responsible for communication between Park board members and Council and to ensure the roles and responsibilities of all personnel involved in the project. Progress will be tracked through monthly meetings.

### **The Morgantown Park Board**

**Principal Contact Details**

Clayton Kello, President  
Madison Ham, Vice President  
Suzanne Moyer, Secretary  
Tammy Snyder, Member

**Resources and facilities**

All Equipment and material are to be ordered by the Town Council.

**Financial arrangements**

The Morgantown Town Council will be responsible for all disbursement of funds.

**Quality assurance**

The Morgantown Park Board will be responsible for final inspection to ensure placement and job quality.

**Communication and exchange of information**

Communication to be done at least at periodic meetings. Progress should be tracked as work is completed and members kept informed.

**Intellectual property**

N/A

**Marketing and publicity**

Improvements will be announced at Council meetings and Park Board meetings. Social media will also be utilized to inform the public.

**Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute will be brought to the attention of both parties and settled through discussion.

**Review and evaluation**

Progress will be monitored by both parties and discussed in monthly meetings.

**Further headings**

N/A

**Disclaimer:**

This document is a Memorandum of Understanding and is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party.

**Effective dates and signatures**

I, **Principal Contact**, *Councilman*, Joe Blevins as representative of The Morgantown Town Council agree to the above MOU conditions and partnership with The Morgantown Park Board

Signed:



Date:

7-26-23

I, **Principal Contact**, *President*, Clayton Kello as representative of the Morgantown Park Board agree to the above MOU conditions and partnership with The Morgantown Town Council.

Signed:



Date:

7/26/2023

Town Park Improvements  
Town of Morgantown  
\$3,345.00

The determinant we will be addressing is neighborhood environment. With our modern lifestyles we often spend too much time behind a computer screen or indoors, whether it be work or play. Our goal is to improve the quality of our parks so that they will offer a place for family activities and a place to spend time outdoors. The plans we have will help improve the quality of life for citizens of Morgantown and in doing so help improve the overall quality of life in Morgan County. With 2 parks these changes make a direct improvement to almost every neighborhood in town. Quality outdoor space improves family and environment.

If we receive the grant it will be used to help pay for 4 new benches at the basketball court, 2 new benches at the baseball park located near the playground equipment, 2 new concrete pads for our picnic tables and 2 new grills to be located with the picnic tables. The project will be a benefit for the entire community. The town council is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Morgantown community. We will be carrying out the project through May of 2024. We will use our own resources namely DPW to do the work. DPW will also be tasked with upkeep and maintaining the equipment. The town council and the newly formed park board will provide oversight on cost for maintenance. The town council has already approved the expenditure for the project. We are hoping that with the matching funds we can expand the original project from benches, to include the concrete pads with grills.

The project will improve the neighborhood environment by providing family oriented activities, space for the enjoyment of life, places where the community can interact and experience their environment. A paper published in the North Carolina Medical Journal by Lincoln Larson and Aaron Hipp, associate professors of parks at N.C. state, provides an overview of how parks and green spaces can help alleviate contemporary health issues. A quote from the UNICEF website. "Green spaces significantly benefit children's physical, mental, and social development from infancy to adulthood". American parks are essential to healing our planet and ourselves (The Hill).

The benefit to the community will be immediate with long lasting effects. We will be able to measure them by observation, experience and feedback from the community through social media, as well as one on one. The benefit will grow with each new and returning visitor. We are sure that long into the future our community will be enjoying their experiences at the Town Park thanks to these and future improvements.

## Roster

### Morgantown Town Council

Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen

Penny Anderson

Jeremy Baker

Joe Blevins

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