

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – MARCH 12, 2024

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick, Nic Christensen, Todd Berndt, Sara Poepsel @ 12:10 and Jeff Moser @ 12:25

Absent: Gene Gettys

Present Electronically: Troy Schaben

Also Present: Tim Miller, Jennifer Malone, Jenney Kelly, Susan Brammann, Ashley Schleis

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Havick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Any conflicts of interest are to be stated when applicable. None.

It was moved by Havick and seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report –

- 79 trees have been removed thus far in Harlan parks. The Harlan Tree Committee is donating 12 trees- 8 will be planted at Little George Park and the other 4 will be placed in other parks. Work should begin on April 22nd.
- Working on JJ Jensen baseball diamond lights.
- Replacing pipes at pool.
- Seasonal workers are needed - must be 18 years or older. Apply at City Hall
- The Dream Playground Committee is planning a Fun Run during Art in the Park. More to come.
- Miniature Golf has been put on hold for now while Dream Playground gets completed.
- River access at Hwy 44 bridge is now fully funded and work will begin in the near future.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – FY financials were provided for review. Nothing new.

Punch Pass Prices & Lesson Dates –

- Due to the increase in the daily rate, the punch pass rates were discussed again. It was moved by Havick and seconded by Poepsel to recommend to Council to increase the Punch Pass price to \$60.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- After discussion, lots of kids still need 30-minute swim lessons for two weeks. It was moved by Havick and seconded by Christensen to recommend to Council to offer both one hour and 30-minute sessions for this swim season. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) –

- Soccer Field Updates:
 - There is a need to keep people from driving on the soccer fields. Temporary parking barriers could potentially be placed for now.

Grants Overview & Update –

- a) Iowa West Foundation – 3 cycles per year; Letter of inquiry period January, May, and Sept 1st; Application Due January, May, and Sept 15th)
- b) Monogram Grant – now accepting applications – Deadline is May 31st @ 5 pm – Need to get with Connie, Troy, and Gene to get this completed.
- c) Wellmark MATCH Grants – no offering for 2024

Other Business: - None

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th 2024, at noon in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer M. Malone

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These minutes are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.