

*** de-notes participating electronically via Zoom meeting.**

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Todd Berndt, Sara Poepsel and EJ Leinen*

Absent: Jon Hansen and Ladonna Havick

Also, Present: Gene Gettys, Ashley Schleis, Jane Smith, Tim Miller, Steve Plumb, Greg Bladt, Mike Kolbe*, Jeanna Rudolph* and Jenney Kelly*

The meeting was called to order by Todd Berndt. Sara Poepsel made a motion, seconded by EJ Leinen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

It was moved by EJ Leinen and seconded by Sara Poepsel to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report:

- Been busy with snow removal.
- Jill Daeges and Ashley Schleis will get together to get the swim lesson forms ready.
- Little George shelter will be burnt down when the temperature rises.
- Klein fencing is almost done at JJ Jensen.
- The Ernst Family is interested in putting a bench at Beebe Park in memory of their mom. It was moved by Sara Poepsel and seconded by EJ Leinen to put the memorial bench at Beebe Park pending Council approval. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Parks Department is looking for seasonal help for the summer. Help must be at least 18 years of age.

JJ Jensen Fencing Safety Cap

- We have received donations from Harlan Lions Club, Little Cyclones Baseball, Harlan Little League, High School Baseball Camp, Harlan Community Athletic Booster Club, and a private individual for the JJ Jensen fencing safety cap.
- It was moved by Sara Poepsel and seconded by EJ Leinen to use all the donation money received to purchase red safety cap for the fencing at JJ Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.
- It was moved by EJ Leinen and seconded by Sara Poepsel to dispose of the current yellow safety cap by sealed bid. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the current park signs. Todd Berndt will work with Mike Kolbe to get some ideas and present them to the board in March.

The Dream Playground Project is a top priority at this time. The plan is to go with an all-inclusive playground to replace the current wooden playground. We will discuss further at the meeting in March.

Grants

- No new grants at this time.

Other Business

- Met with LT Leon and HMU and we are waiting for some changes.
- The Social Media Policy was included for everyone to review.
- Tim and Gene sat down with the school about an agreement for JJ Jensen as there currently is not one.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at noon.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.