

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – August 17, 2021

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

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Ladonna Havick, EJ Leinen, Sara Poepsel, Todd Berndt

Absent: None

Also, Present: Gene Gettys, Julie Erickson, Jane Smith, Tim Miller, Tony Kramer, Mike Kolbe, Jenney Kelly, Greg Bladt, Heath Stein & Toshia Kasperbauer

The meeting was called to order by Berndt at 12:08. It was moved by Leinen and seconded by Poepsel 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 Havick and seconded by Poepsel to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Facility at JJ Jensen Park Discussion

- Heath Stein and Toshia Kasperbauer, coaches for Harlan Community School District, were present to discuss their desire to construct an indoor softball/baseball batting building at JJ Jensen Park, for youth 6th through 12th grades participating in those programs. This would be approximately a 100x100 foot building and would be placed in the vicinity of right field at Field #4 at the park. Discussion was held regarding who would be responsible the building, utilities, maintenance, and upkeep. Kasperbauer and Stein stated they would put together a more comprehensive proposal for Council.

It was moved by Leinen and seconded by Poepsel to make recommendation to the Council to review the proposal of constructing a facility at JJ Jensen Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Dream Playground

- Gettys provided an update on where this project is in the process.

Superintendent Report

- Algae is heavy at Pioneer Pond and has been treated several times this summer. The aerator is working well and is helping to also keep the algae down.
- Field #4 fence at JJ Jensen park is dilapidated and needs to be removed for safety reasons. This will come up as an action item for next month's meeting.
- The volleyball poles and net at BeeBe Park should be removed. This will come up as an action item at next month's meeting.
- The Pool will close on Sunday, August 22nd for the season. Hauling water due to the drought conditions has had its pros and cons. If we are in the same situation next year, we will have to strongly evaluate hauling water again versus just keeping the pool closed.

Grants

- Monogram Loves Kids – North Park Improvements – no updates
- Shelby County Community Chest grant is due September 15th. Berndt advised he would work on this grant.
- Shelby County Community Foundation Grant is due September 1st. Poepsel advised she would work on this grant.

Discussion was held on which projects to allocate for each Grant application, and it was decided to focus on new signs in the parks and possibly drinking fountains.

Mayor Kolbe shared that the person who was going to fill the vacancy will be moving out of the city limits of Harlan, so is not eligible. If anyone has suggestions on who can fill the seat, please pass them on to the Mayor Kolbe.

The next meeting is set for September 21, 2021 at Noon

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Julie Erickson, Recording Secretary

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