

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – January 10, 2023

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

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Todd Berndt, Sara Poepsel, EJ Leinen

Absent: Ladonna Havick, Jeff Moser

Also Present: Tim Miller, Jennifer Malone, Julie Erickson, Jane Smith, Gene Gettys, Jenney Kelly, Ashley Schleis*

The meeting was called to order by Todd Berndt. It was moved by EJ Leinen and seconded by Sara Poepsel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

It was moved by Sara Poepsel and seconded by EJ Leinen to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – None.

Superintendent Report

JJ Irrigation Well Update – Well tank has arrived and should be up and running by the end of April.

Warning Track Update – Final touches on softball fields. Baseball field work will startup in spring.

JJ Lighting Update – Staff still looking for replacement pole on Diamond #3.

Trash Receptacle Replacement - Discussion was held regarding the purchase of new trash receptacles for the parks. Grant funds will be researched to help pay for these items. Miller stated 11 new receptacles would be needed for the parks. Placement will begin at Pioneer Park and move out from there.

2023 Pool Pass Sales Price Timing - It was moved by EJ Leinen and seconded by Sara Poepsel to approve swim pass discounted rates for the month of April 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Planning – Little George Water Fountain – Discussion was held regarding installation of a fountain similar to the fountain currently at Pioneer Park. Miller estimated the cost to be between \$12,000 – \$15,000. The project will be added to the Parks Planning Document.

GRANTS UPDATES – Connie Claussen is taking the lead on working on grant applications for the Dream Playground project. This will be the focus of grants for the foreseeable future.

- a) Shelby County Community Foundation (SCCF) Fall Grant – Due February 1, 2023 (*NOTE: Sara Poepsel is submitting this grant for Dream Playground 8/2022*)
- b) Iowa West Foundation – 3 cycles per year; Letter of inquiry period January, May, and Sept 1st; Application Due January, May, and Sept 15th)
- c) Monogram Grant – Due _____ 2023
- d) Wellmark MATCH Grants – February 15, 2023
- e) Shelby County Community Chest (SCCC) Grant – Due August 31st
- f) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000) – Note: EJ Leinen is submitting this grant for trash receptacles
- g) Keep/Paint Iowa Beautiful grant (February 10, 2023)

Grants Discussion – Dream Playground Committee will be applying for Shelby County Community Foundation (SCCF) Fall Grant and the Wellmark MATCH Grants to help funding efforts.

Other Business – Gettys updated the Commission on Dream Playground Committee status. The Dream Playground website should be live soon. Online donations can be made through the City of Harlan website.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Malone, Recording Secretary

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