

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – February 14, 2023

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

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Todd Berndt, Sara Poepsel, EJ Leinen, Ladonna Havick, Debbie Davis, Joe Zaccone, Mike Kolbe

Absent: Jeff Moser, Connie Claussen, Jadhe Osborn, Tina Flores, Gervas Mgonja, Seth Piro, Tina Reischl

Also Present: Tim Miller, Jennifer Malone, Gene Gettys, Joe Rueschengerg, Ashley Schleis

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

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

It was moved by EJ Leinen and seconded by Sara Poepsel to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Superintendent Report

Lost Permanent Part-Time employee Julie Armentrout. Has Permanent Part-time and Seasonal positions posted for Parks Department. Duties include mowing, litter pickup, maintenance, and JJ Jensen duties. Pool positions are also posted.

Dream Playground Re-Imagined Project Update

Fundraising Overview & Update – given by Gene Gettys and Jennifer Malone for Jadhe Osborn

With warmer weather around the corner, the new banner at the current park will be hung as soon as ground conditions and weather allows. Ashley Bruck is working on private fundraising for the Crees family. It was mentioned of their intention to donate towards different areas of the park. Finally – she wanted committee members to be sure initial contact is completed by the deadline of March 10th. Handouts were passed around for reference points when meeting with donors.

Grants Overview & Update – given by Debbie Davis for Connie Claussen

- a) Shelby County Community Foundation (SCCF) Fall Grant – Due February 1, 2023 - Connie did get this submitted
- b) Iowa West Foundation – 3 cycles per year; Letter of inquiry period January, May, and Sept 1st; Application Due January, May, and Sept 15th) – discussions regarding requirements for the application of this grant were discussed by members
- c) Monogram Grant – Due _____ 2023 – No update provided
- d) Wellmark MATCH Grants – February 15, 2023 - The Wellmark Grant application was submitted last week and needed some clarification on project timelines. Currently we are in the Fundraising & Donation phase. Demolition Phase will begin Spring 2024, immediately followed by Playground Installation Phase, to be completed by October 2024. Funding for the Wellmark Grant was also discussed, including timeline and amount requirements, as well as distribution dates.

- 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) Others: Gene Gettys stated he had received a list of specific grants that are worth looking into. He will send out to the committee members for review.

Other Business – Havick mentioned the Harlan Lions Club would like to invite committee members to their March 23rd meeting at the Harlan Country Club. The Lions Club would be willing to assist with community fundraising efforts. Donations in the amount of \$5,300 and grants in the amount of \$8,573 have been received so far.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer M. Malone

Jennifer Malone, Recording Secretary

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