

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – MARCH 10, 2026

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 12:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: LaDonna Havick, Nic Christensen, Scott Petersen, Jeff Moser

Electronically Present: Troy Schaben

Absent: Todd Berndt

Also Present: Jenney Kelly, Tim Miller, Ashley Schleis, Gervas Mgonja, Maya Kenkel

The meeting was called to order by Havick. It was moved by Moser and seconded by Petersen to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Petersen to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

Routine top dressing has been ordered for the Little League Fields at JJ Jensen.

- Disc Golf Improvements – The project is still \$5,000 short. Fundraising is still going on at this time. Gervas will keep watching for potential grants. We would like to have this project completed before RAGBRAI comes in July.
- River Access – Had a Pre-Pre Construction meeting. Tim will have to do daily inspections and keep a diary. Hoping to be 80% complete by July 1st.
- Field #2 Lights – All the digging has been completed and will hopefully be backfilled by the end of the week. They will pull wires and pedestals next week.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – Budget is running high for the Parks Department.

RAGBRAI (discussion only) – The main campground for RAGBRAI will be at the High School this time. Potential of charters using the soccer fields.

High School Baseball Bullpen Fencing – 50% City Funded – Gervas has submitted 2 grants and is waiting to hear back. The Parks budget doesn't have the money to fund this project.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Christensen to make a recommendation to Council to move forward with this project pending grant approval and/or private funds only. The motion carried unanimously.

Pool Lights – ARC Electric is the only contractor that can find the dimmable pool lights. City Administrator was present to recommend the dimmable lights.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Moser to make a recommendation to Council to move forward with ARC Electric for pool lights pending that the lumen study meets requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

Pioneer Park Restrooms – Vandalism is happening again, and three (3) juveniles were caught and are being charged. The individuals will potentially be trespassed from the City Parks. Potentially turning into insurance due to the cost of the damages.

Sign Committee – Committee has approved signage.

It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Petersen to make a recommendation to Council to approve the signage as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Grandma B's Dream Playground – Getting closer. Carpet for the Sona Arch has been installed. Fall protection company is watching the weather closely. Working on finalizing names for the brick for the donor walk.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) – No updates.

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) – Not eligible for Dream Playground
- b) Monogram Grant – May 31, 2025 (Basketball Goals) Will find out in October.
- c) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)

Other Business: There are some caulking leaks at the pool; these will be fixed under warranty. Advertising for lifeguards will be coming soon.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at noon in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Maya Kenkel

Maya Kenkel, Recording Secretary

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