

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – APRIL 14, 2026

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 12:06 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Tim Miller, Ashley Schleis, Gervas Mgonja, Maya Kenkel, Jennifer Kelly, Joe Rueschenberg

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

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

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

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

- High School Baseball Bullpen – The grants were denied for this project.
- River Access – There will be a pre-construction meeting on Thursday.
- Field #2 Lights – Wrapping up this project—just waiting on MUSCO to confirm if the lights are aimed properly. We can control the lights with an app and hardly any electricity is used. Features instant on and off, less light pollution, and better visibility for fly balls.
- Pool Lights – Received spec sheet on Monday.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – Moser had a few questions that were answered.

RAGBRAI (discussion only) – There are 37 charters to be placed around Harlan. JJ Jensen is full and Pioneer Park will be the Quiet Campground.

Park Restrooms – The department is working on getting the restrooms opened up in the parks. We will be turning in an insurance claim for the October damage to the restrooms. We will be installing new doors that lock for restrooms at Jaycee Park and Pioneer Park. Recent damage will not be turned into insurance, but restitution is expected.

Sign Committee – Shane is working on the signs. He is also working on one from Grandma B's Dream Playground.

Grandma B's Dream Playground – The playground is open from the south side. Rafters will be hung tomorrow. The poured-in-place needed patched in spots. Arch is not operational at this time due to no power. Gary Hopp will be doing the grading soon. We plan to have a ribbon cutting when complete.

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) – Not eligible this time around.
- c) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)

Other Business: None.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 12, 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.