

## HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – MAY 12, 2026

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

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

Absent: Troy Schaben

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

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

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

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Moser to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

- Mowing, the fountain is going, seeded grass by pond
- High School Baseball Bullpen – On hold until there is funding.
- River Access – A new survey of the riverbank is needed to due to erosion because the boat launch is too high. They found an old bridge where the launch will be.
- Field #2 Lights – The lights were damaged when FMCTC cut through a power line while installing internet for the concession stands and RAGBRAI. The lights are now running properly, and there is internet.
- Pool: lights, lifeguard orientation, caulking, filling – Lights are ordered. Lifeguard orientation is Wednesday, May 13. Discussed cutting pool hours if there are not more applicants. There were multiple suspicious spots needing caulking that are now fixed under warranty. The pool began filling up yesterday and will hopefully be full by Friday or Saturday.

### Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only)

RAGBRAI (discussion only) – The charters are placed. There is no one placed at Little George.

Park Restrooms – Done and open. The doors are not on the pool restrooms yet.

Sign Committee – Their equipment was down for a couple of weeks. We need an invoice for the downpayment.

Grandma B's Dream Playground – The County is helping seed. The ground has been drilled, hydroseeded, and had straw matting put out. It will be all freshly seeded by today and need watering.

The restrooms are left to finish. HMU has the power ready. The plumber starts next week. Joe Petsche will hook up the power. Tony Carter will do the interior work. A sidewalk cutout is needed for the drainage from the gutters that are now installed.

Patriots Choice installed the ten (10) bench pads in-kind. Four (4) benches have been donated leaving room for six (6) more. They are 4'x30" made of stained concrete with wood grain in the concrete. The bench plaques have the option to read "In Memory of..." or "Donated by..." and are \$1,000.00 to purchase.

There will be a simple ribbon cutting on a Friday or Sunday night. The dates have not been determined, but Father's Day or Flag Day are possibilities. Might do some grilling.

### Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) – Bids for Cyclone Tennis Courts project

#### 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, 2026 (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, June 9, 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.*