

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – June 9, 2026

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Scott Peteren

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

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Havick 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 Christensen to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

Miller noted that the park maintenance is behind: mowing, weed eating, spraying. The employees are stretched thin, and the rain is a factor as well. Dog reports have been prevalent.

- River Access – There was perceived bank erosion that when re-surveyed was found to have accurate elevations. The project is going forward as planned. There will be a change order on removing the bridge.
- Field #2 Lights – The lights are good.
The JJ Jensen sign was hit and broken in half while mowing. It has been glued together, and the sign is being replaced next week.
Four more water leaks were found, but the major leak has not been located. The water will be turned on then off on game days only. It is time for a new waterline; a locate/tracer wire will be installed in conjunction.
- Pool – There was a leak found on Sunday. There are smaller leaks in the equipment to fix as well.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – End of FY is July 1, and invoices are due tomorrow. The waterline will fall under the bldg./grounds/maint. fund. It will be material costs only.

Dawn Vanden Berg Pool Pass refund request (possible action) – Discussion

It was moved by Havick moved and seconded by Christensen to refund single pool pass SPP-2026-700 with documentation that the child will not reside in the county for the summer due to unforeseen circumstances. Motion carried unanimously.

RAGBRAI (possible action) – Change pool admission price to \$10.00 to coincide with the event-wide shower prices—
NO ACTION

This project is demanding. There are no charters at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. The city portion of Monogram Foods JJ Jensen Sports Complex is full. Miller might be moving two charters.

Park Restrooms – New mirrors are needed, and everything is up and running.

Sign Committee – Completion is anticipated for this week or early next week. The ‘Monogram Way’ street signs have been received. KNOD needs to be contacted.

Grandma B’s Dream Playground – The sign is expected at the end of next week. The plumbing is almost done, and restroom dispensers and doors are being finished. Ceiling partitions will be next week. Concrete is being poured for the donor walk. The grass looks great with watering aid from the Harlan Fire Department; the netting will get mowed. The Arch is now calibrated. No more benches will be sold—there are ten spots with fourteen sold.
An email will be sent regarding opening date. Ideally held before the next meeting, but everything needs to be done first.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) – None.

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: Pool mirrors.

- Matt Worthy was present to discuss the possibility of building a roller skating/inline hockey rink. The Board considered the proposition and advised contacting the recording secretary with an official project proposal.
- Have not heard any updates on disc golf—fundraising is not complete.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 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.