

## HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – JULY 8, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick @ 12:06, Todd Berndt, Nic Christensen, Scott Petersen

Absent: Jeff Moser

Present Electronically: Troy Schaben

Also Present: Tim Miller, Susan Brammann, Ashley Schleis, Gervas Mgonja,

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Christensen 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 June 10, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### Superintendent Report

- Little League is done for the season, there are 2 home baseball games left, possibly three depending on outcome of games.
- Fair week is underway
- Pool is doing very well this year
- Parks will be starting to cut trees soon

### Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – Discussed Year End

JJ Jensen Naming Rights – Working with Monogram on mockup signs. Will be having a meeting soon.

Leinen Memorial Bench – Charlotte Leinen would like to install a concrete memorial bench in Pioneer Park where it can be seen from 12<sup>th</sup> St. Bench will have a concrete pad. Parks will determine best place for bench to be installed in keeping with Charlotte Leinen's wishes. It was moved by Havick and seconded by Christensen to recommend to City Council to approve Leinen Memorial Bench be installed in Pioneer Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Grandma B's Dream Playground – There was a P & F meeting about the City helping fund Grandma B's Dream Playground project. This then went to Council and was approved. Construction can start as early as 08/06/25. Plans include moving trees at the end of July and erecting a construction fence 08/03/25

- a.) Kids' night at Shelby County Speedway, June 28 – There was a fundraiser held at the speedway. Volunteers applied temporary tattoos and there was a 50/50 raffle done. \$950.00 worth of tickets were sold in the pits and \$900.00 worth of tickets sold in the stands. Donations went very well.
- b.) Donut eating contest, July 17 – Donut eating contest to be held during the July 17<sup>th</sup> Roar into Harlan. It will be held on the square at 7:30 – 7:45. As of this date we have 17 adults and 5 kids. Cash prize for adults will be \$100.00 and for kids \$50.00 with a trophy. There will possibly be a 50/50 raffle.
- c.) Concert at Vets, July 19 – Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for this event. Free will donations to get in. Line dancing lessons available from 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with the Humdingers performing from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Food will be available during the event and there is a silent auction for crafts and art. The silent auction went live today, and bidding can begin. Matching grant up to 2500.00 provided by American Woodmen of America.

Movie in the Park/Pool – Event date will be on 08/08/25. Connie Claussen has asked to be the lead on this event with LaDonna Havick as co-lead. Monogram will provide the movie. Moana 2 was decided on for the movie. Looking at free will donations to get into this event. Concessions will be handled by the pool.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) No Update or Discussion

### 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) Sara Poepsel has applied for this grant
- c) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)

Other Business: None

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at noon in the Council Chambers.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Susan E. Brammann*

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