

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – August 8, 2023

*** de-notes participating electronically via Zoom meeting.**

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick, Sara Poepsel, Nic Christensen

Absent: Jeff Moser

Present Electronically: Todd Berndt, Jeanna Rudolph, Kyle Lindberg,

Also Present: Tim Miller, Gene Gettys, Jenney Kelly, Jane Smith, Mayor Jay Christensen

The meeting was called to order by Ladonna Havick. It was moved by Sara Poepsel and seconded by Nic 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 Sara Poepsel and seconded by Nic Christensen to approve the minutes of the July 11th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – FY financials were provided for review

The Parks' budget for FY22-23 was within budget. A few questions were answered about specific costs.

The Pool budget for FY22-23 was also within budget. Questions were answered about specific costs.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

1. Signs – Poles are set at BeeBee, Spearing and Little George and the signs will be installed soon. JC Park is the only park remaining missing a sign, which is still being worked on.
2. Trees – There are 96 Ash trees in the parks in Harlan that are being removed. Pioneer, JJ and Little George still have some remaining and crews are working on these as time allows. Firewood from the trees is available at the city yard waste lot.
3. Sidewalks – Sidewalks at North Park have been replaced. Crews have identified others and are working on them as time allows.
4. Dog Park – 4 trees were removed in July and new agility equipment was installed.
5. Vandalism at a couple of parks has led to sinks being unavailable. Steel sinks have been ordered and will be installed when received.
6. Pool – Sunday, August 13th is the last day for the season. Cleanup and draining will happen next week. Pumps and lines will be evaluated for maintenance during the off season. Pool numbers were up slightly this year over last year: 53 Single, 224 Family and 177 Swim Lessons were sold this year.
7. Tim mentioned there is a Boy Scout who is working on an Eagle Scout project for the parks and will provide additional information as the project progresses.
8. AYSO Soccer has reached out to Tim with regards to getting a lease agreement for the use of the soccer fields going forward. Discussions about parking are also in the works.
9. Seasonal workers for the parks department will be leaving over the next couple of weeks. Tim expressed thanks for their work and keeping up with the demands of the summer.

Dream Playground Reimagined (Update & Discussion)

Current donation numbers were discussed with parks members.

Ladonna Havick talked about the Disc Golf Tournament put on by the Harlan Lions Club as a fundraiser for the Dream Playground. Information will be shared on Facebook as it is available.

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) – discussions regarding requirements for the application of this grant were discussed by members.
- b) Shelby County Community Chest (SCCC) Grant – Due August 31st

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at noon in Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer M. Malone

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