

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick @ 12:05, Todd Berndt, Nic Christensen, Scott Petersen

Absent: Jeff Moser

Present Electronically: Troy Schaben

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

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 August 12, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report

- Working at the pool due to the leak
- Busy with mowing, replanting grass seed, and taking trees out
- Will be looking at what will need to be winterized

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – Utilities a little higher this month due to pool leak

Cyclone Tennis Courts – Working on sending out price options for redoing. It is budgeted, however, looking at doing an RFP for lines, including a pickleball court. Right now, the school needs 8 tennis courts, but with public interest growing for pickleball, we would like to have 7 tennis courts with 2 pickleball courts.

Pool Update – There is still a possibility of a leak in the pool. Patched the manhole where the drain is and the manhole stayed dry. Turned on the pumps and filled the pool again. The pool is still losing water at an inch a day, but it could be due to evaporation. If not, Parks will be checking the lines for any leaks. Once leak is resolved the pool will be drained and prepped for winterization. Pool had to buy new parts for the low dive board that was just purchased.

Grandma B's Dream Playground

- Dream Playground is having a fundraiser on Saturday, October 18th at the Vet's. It is the final slide to the finish. This event will have live music from 7-10, Pizza Puzzle starting at 6 PM, and a hot dog eating contest starting at 7:30 PM. Right now, the committee is working on getting sponsors for this event.
- A new piece of equipment arrived at the playground and grading should be starting soon.
- RFP is due this Friday for the framing portion of the restrooms. All other restroom construction has been donated by area businesses.

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) Will find out in October
- c) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)

Other Business: City Administrator Gervas Mgonja applied for a tree grant which we received 33 trees. We will be planting trees this fall at JJ Jensen, North Park and Pioneer Park. Trees were planted 2 years ago at Little George. River Access project was discussed. DNR is to turn in a Flood Plain permit next Tuesday. Looking at a Dec 16, 2025, letting. Movie night for next spring 2026 was briefly discussed. Looking at possibly having that the 2nd weekend in May with the 5k Fun Day.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 14, 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.