

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – JANUARY 13, 2026

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

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

Absent: Scott Petersen, Jenney Kelly

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

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Moser 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 December 9, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

- Keeping busy with the nice weather

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only)

High School Baseball Bullpen Fencing – 50% City Funded – Tabled further discussion pending results of grant funding.

Disc Golf Improvements – No update from Justin yet. We will continue to touch base.

Pool Lights – Discussed looking into more bids for a like-for-like comparison.

- Barnam's quote is for 8 light fixtures in place of the current 6 fixtures. The lights will be shielded resulting in less glare for the neighbors.
- Arc has high quality fixtures. They are color temperature changing, have advanced glare protection, and motion sensors. When no motion is detected, the lights will remain at 10-15% brightness. When motion is detected, they will be at 100% brightness.

River Access – Bids are due next week. There is no fixed deadline for DOT to announce who is selected for the project.

Field #2 Lights – Concrete bases will be poured today. Light poles are being assembled today and should be installed this week.

Sign Committee – Monogram has a designer and is starting the design process.

Grandma B's Dream Playground

- The parking lot is 95% complete. The sidewalks are done, and the entry should be completed this week. The restrooms have flooring, but we are waiting to pour the surrounding concrete until the restroom blocks are done—the blocks will be done when there is a fair-weather weekend. The fence remains for the foreseeable future.
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- We are working with Sondag Monuments on 4x4, 8x8, and 12x12 granite slabs for a donor walk/wall.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) – Discussed pickleball courts.

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:

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday February 10, 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.