

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – OCTOBER 14, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick, 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 Havick and seconded by Christensen to approve the amended 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 September 9, 2025, meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Present to be heard – Justin Harper was present to propose a new 18-hole disc golf course at Pioneer Park. He would like to do tournaments and stated that tournaments would bring revenue to the city. A rough layout of the course was presented to the commission. His layout would include 18-36 chain baskets with weatherproof locks to deter theft, T signs and concrete T pads. Mowing around the T pads was discussed. Projected cost for the new disc golf course was estimated at around \$12,00.00. Justin has been working on getting sponsors for baskets and he stated that he and volunteers would be handling the labor. He is looking at installation to begin Spring/Summer of 2026. Commission discussed the need for new baskets and an updated disc golf course and will be discussed at the December meeting after more information is received.

Superintendent Report

- Planting up to 33 trees tomorrow and Parks is looking for volunteers to meet up at JJ Jensen at 4:30 PM
- Winterizing has begun and will ramp up next week with all winterization to be completed by October 31st.
- Pioneer Park restroom was vandalized which prompted early closing.
- Will be busy cutting down trees and getting spraying done before the leaves fall.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only)

Cameras for Parks – Looking at installing cameras at all parks and other parts of the city. Tim Miller spoke with Cory Gaskill and Brian Dotzler at HMU. Christensen motioned to recommend moving forward with cameras pending bids and Havick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cyclone Tennis Courts – RFP's will be sent out and will be looking closely at budget. To be discussed at a later date.

Grandma B's Dream Playground

- Work has begun at Playground; however, they are 2 weeks behind schedule. There is some curbing in. Restrooms roughed in. Looking at Spring 2026 Grand Opening.
- Sliding to the Finish Fundraiser is this Saturday, October 18th at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Doors open at 5:00 PM with a free will donation, Pizza, Puzzle, and Drinks Contest starts at 6:00 PM, *Easy Pickins* band begins at 7:00 PM, Hot Dog Eating Contest begins at 7:30, and there will be a Silent Auction going from 5:00-9:00.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) Will be adding 18-hole Disc Golf

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: No other business.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**, at noon in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Susan E. Brammann

Susan E. Brammann, Recording Secretary

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