

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Havick and seconded by 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 Petersen and seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report - Parks have been busy with Dream Playground. Leaves are getting mulched and getting things ready for the Winter season. Seasonal workers will be done for the year next Wednesday, November 26th. Concrete pad has been poured for Softball bullpen at JJ Jensen. Fence has not been installed yet. Working on River access with possible letting in January 2026.

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only)

Disc Golf Fundraiser – Justin Harper has put together a fundraiser for the 18-hole Disc Golf. It is being held this Saturday, November 22nd. Looking at having funds by December 2025 and then project to begin.

Cameras for Parks – Going with Cory Gaskill from Advanced Communication Systems for camera system after speaking with other companies. Main hub will be located at City Hall and can hook-up up to 60 cameras. There are currently 2 cameras at Dream Playground. The plan is to start adding cameras where needed.

Cyclone Tennis Courts – No update

Pool, Tennis Court Lighting – Pool lights currently are all LED. Working with MUSCO on lighting ideas for the pool. There is a need for adequate lighting at the pool, will revisit next meeting. Looking at a grant through UTSA for new lights at tennis courts.

JJ Jensen renaming – Going through contracts, but this has been presented to Council to rename as Monogram Foods JJ Jensen Sports Complex.

- a) Field 2 – Lights – New lights have been shipped and are looking at receiving them around January 5, 2026.

Grandma B's Dream Playground - Dream Playground is underway and is about 98% put together. The concrete has been poured and there is equipment already in place.

Parks Planning Document (Update & 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: No other business.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, 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.