

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, December 9, 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

Electronically Present: Jennifer Kelly

Also Present: Tim Miller, Susan Brammann, Ashley Schleis, Gervas Mgonja, Maya Kenkel, Tony Kramer, Justin Harper, Anthony Donahoo

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Moser 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 Havick and seconded by Petersen to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Snow Removal

Replacing brushes on broom

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only)

High School Baseball Bullpen Fencing – 50% City Funded

Anthony Donahoo was present to discuss installation of bullpen and city funding. City Administrator Gervas Mgonja is going to apply for a matching grant. Tabled further discussions pending grant funding.

Disc Golf Improvements

Justin Harper was present to update on Disc Golf Course. Layout of course is finalized. Justin held a fundraiser in which they had 10 people playing disc golf, it went smoothly and no safety issues were found. Justin obtained a private grant which dropped the price on the baskets. Donations have been made, leading to about 80% of project cost so far. Baxter Lumber has offered to provide labor. Moser motioned and Petersen seconded to move forward with Disc Golf project pending guaranteed complete funding of project. Motion carried unanimously.

Pool Rates and Sale

Tim Miller recommended fees at same rates as last year. It was motioned by Havick and seconded by Christensen to approve same fee rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Opening and Closing Date

Tim Miller recommended pool opening date of May 23rd, 2026, and closing date of August 8th, 2026. It was motioned by Havick and seconded by Moser to approve proposed dates. Motion carried unanimously.

Pool Lights

Tabling further discussion until receiving a second quote.

River Access

River access is on the DOT's website for January 20th, 2026, letting. It will take 3 – 4 weeks for finalization and they have 60 working (business) days to complete project.

Field #2 Lights

Field lights have been ordered and will ship out January 5th, 2026, Arc Electric will then start doing trenches. This project will take place during the winter months.

Sign Committee

Gervas Mgonja sent out emails to assemble committee members to approve sign designs.

Grandma B's Dream Playground

Project on hold due to snow and weather. Playground is 98% completed. Need 5 days of above 35 degrees to lay poured-in-place surfacing.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion)

Add Pickleball courts on Major Projects list

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:

Looking at eliminating one tennis court on Cyclone.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 13, 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.