

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – MARCH 11, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick, Jeff Moser, Todd Berndt

Absent: Nic Christensen, Sara Poepsel

Present Electronically:

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

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Havick 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 Havick to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

- Due to recent weather there is tree debris to be picked up
- Parks Shelter roofs are in the process of getting replaced due to hail. Pioneer Park is done, JJ Jensen contract is signed and will be done in April
- JJ Jensen is currently doing net repairs on backstops and other repairs
- Ad for lifeguards and PT Seasonal help went out in Harlan Tribune recently. Also, looking for FT help at JJ Jensen field.
- Dog calls are increasing due to nice weather

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – FY financials were provided for review

JJ Light Poles Report – Inspection by EXO is complete, waiting on full report. 12 poles were rejected at 66% of original strength. 2 poles have been taken down and replaced. 1 at Potter Park and at JJ Jensen – 5 poles were rejected. 3 at field 2, 1 at field 3 and 1 at softball field.

JJ Lighting Bids – We have received bids from 4 companies. Musco, Techline, National LED, and Brightway. It was discussed that Musco offers a 25-year warranty, all other companies offer 10-year warranty.

River Access Project – A class 1 archeological study must be completed, pushing the letting back to June 1, 2025

Grandma B's Dream Playground – The committee has a deadline of April 15, 2025, for all outside donations and grants, then they will start applying for funding. Looking at August for demolition, September for groundwork and October for playground work. Bids for work will need to be in by April. Discussed Puzzles, Pints, and Brew fundraiser that is being held on March 27, 2025. So far 9 teams have signed up for 6:00 PM slot and 2 teams for 7:30 slot.

High School Request to Help Pay for Fencing – Discussed High School wanting help on a fence to be placed around the bullpens for safety reasons. Due to the importance of replacing poles and new lighting at JJ Jensen it was motioned by Havick and seconded by Moser to table this until we have numbers on Pole and Lighting projects. Motioned carried.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) No Update or Discussion

Grants Overview & Update –

- ~~a) Shelby County Community Foundation (SCCF Spring Grant – Due February 1, 2024~~
- b) Iowa West Foundation – 3 cycles per year; Letter of inquiry period January, May, and Sept 1st; Application Due January, May, and Sept 15th
- c) Monogram Grant – April 2025 (Basketball Goals) Plan to discuss further in April
- d) ~~Wellmark MATCH Grants – no longer offers~~
- e) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)

Other Business: Tim Miller was approached by a Eagle Scout who is wanting to do an Eagle project. He is looking at putting in a handicap ledge at the pond at Pioneer Park. There will be a presentation by the Eagle Scout in April.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 8th, 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.