

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – JUNE 10, 2025

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick @ 12:12, Todd Berndt, Nic Christensen

Absent: Jeff Moser

Present Electronically: Sara Poepsel, Ashley Schleis, Troy Schaben

Also Present: Tim Miller, Susan Brammann, Scott Petersen, Gervas Mgonja, Jenney Kelly

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Poepsel to approve the 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 Poepsel to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

June Schleimer and Vivian Schleimer to present Eagle Project – Vivian Schleimer who is an active Scout was present to propose 2 wheelchair table w/benches to be installed at Pioneer Park. One will possibly be placed in pre-existing structure off Pine Street by the handicap parking stalls and one possibly to be placed under the existing structure to the North of the pond and West of 12th St. Concrete to be poured by Patriot's Choice/James Sheehan and Matt Bartelson with BartT welding will help secure the tables. Tables that are being provided will be ordered from Amazon. Vivian requested that a plaque with her name and Eagle project be placed on each table. Looking at Late July or Early August to begin project. It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Havick to recommend to City Council to approve Vivian Schleimer's Eagle Scout project. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Pool is in full swing and doing good despite cooler weather

JJ is busy – employee Cash Cleveland is doing a great job at maintaining the fields

There are tournaments coming up next week

Normal Repairs are being done, and spraying will begin soon

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – No update other than end of fiscal year is June 30, 2025

JJ Jensen Naming Rights – No update this meeting

River Access Project – Moved to September letting

Bullpen for High School Softball Field – Tim Miller was approached concerning a Bullpen for JV and Varsity Field. They would provide materials with Tim Miller and Jeff Moser providing the labor. No final plan but will be meeting on 06/11/25. It was moved by Christensen to install bullpen at JV and Varsity Field and seconded by Havick. Motion carried unanimously.

Grandma B's Dream Playground – With current donations we have so far, hoping to begin this fall. Gervas Mgonja has applied for CAT Grant.

a.) **Kids' night at Shelby County Speedway, June 28**

This is something new this year. Needing 5-6 volunteers. Volunteers will be at the speedway applying temporary tattoos. Looking at doing at 50/50 drawing.

b.) **Donut eating contest, July 17**

This event will take place on Roar into Harlan night. Christian Rise Donuts will be providing donuts. Adults 12 and over registration is \$20.00 or the option of having sponsors to raise money. Children 12 and under is \$10.00 or the option of having sponsors to raise money.

c.) **Concert at Vets, July 19**

This event will have line dancing lessons. Humdingers will be performing live music with line dancing. Dinner will be available with The Cattleman's helping grill. Silent Auction will be held for craft items.

Movie in the Park/Pool – This was a project that was previously done by Dream Playground Committee. They would like Park & Rec to take this event over. We have the equipment; the only cost would be the movie. Currently, looking into having a movie at the Pool on August 8, 2025. Monogram has offered to sponsor the movie for this event and there will be more discussion at next month's meeting on the movie title. There will be a charge to get into the Pool for this event. Also, looking at a date in September or October to have a Movie in the Park.

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 – May 31, 2025 (Basketball Goals) Sara Poepsel has applied for this grant
- d) IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)

Other Business: Troy Schaben brought up that the JJ Jensen looks great and was wondering if there needs to be a second trashcan located at the restrooms. Tim will look into this.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 8, 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.