

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – July 9th, 2024

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: LaDonna Havick @12:20, Jeff Moser, Todd Berndt, Sara Poepsel

Absent: Nic Christensen

Present Electronically: Troy Schaben

Also Present: Tim Miller, Gene Gettys, Susan Brammann, Ashley Schleis

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Moser 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 Poepsel and seconded by Moser to approve the minutes of the June 11th, 2024, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Boy Scouts for tent camping at JJ Jensen – Bob Mahoney was present to discuss the Boy Scouts tent camping at JJ Jensen on Saturday, August 3rd on fields 2 and 3. The event will assist in recruiting new members and they are also looking to provide volunteer time at the racetrack on the same evening. The JJ restrooms will remain open and there will be adult supervision for the entire event. It was moved by Moser and seconded by Poepsel to recommend to council to allow the Boy Scouts use the two fields at JJ Jensen for tent camping. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominate Chair and Vice-Chairperson through 6/30/2026: Todd Berndt was nominated as Chair. It was moved by Moser and seconded by Poepsel. Motion carried unanimously. LaDonna Havick was nominated as Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Moser and seconded by Poepsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

- JJ Jensen is slowing down. Little League and softball are completed
- Varsity Baseball has a home game on 7/12/24 with 2nd round on 7/15/24 if they win– up to 4 more varsity games
- Upon completion of Baseball/Softball season, will be tearing up and leveling the fields
- Shelby County Fair is this week, getting all the parks cleaned up
- Pool is running smoothly
- Looking to start back up on taking down trees

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only) – FY financials were provided for review Tim Miller brought up end of FY 23/24. Year looked good, did have to replace pump and had to rent a lift. Tim thanked Ashley Schleis, Jennifer Malone and Susan Brammann for all the hard work getting bills paid quickly.

Final plans for river access at Hwy 44 - Gene Gettys provided an update. Moving through DOT process, check plan date is 8/6/24. Site plan, layout & concept is same. There will be a tremendous amount of tree removal. Meeting with Engineer and HMU 7/15/24. Target date is December letting, with spring construction.

Movie in the Park Friday, August 16th This was a project created by the Parks & Rec Board a few years ago, however grants have gone away and then the outbreak of COVID. With wanting to raise awareness of the Dream Playground we have purchased a 30' inflatable screen and projector that should be arriving next week. Currently, we have no speakers, but have a volunteer that is going to provide sound for this event. We are currently working with SWANK for Copyright – movies will be provided by them. This will be a free event, but concessions will be available for purchase with the funds going to the Dream Playground Project. Sponsors will help with the cost of the inflatable screen, projector and copyright rights.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) – Brief update that latest items done is parking curbs at JJ and submitted Grant for the Basketball Hoops.

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, 2024 (Basketball Goals)~~
- d) ~~Wellmark MATCH Grants – no offering for 2024~~
- e) ~~IPRA Mini Grant – Due end of January (\$1,000)~~

Other Business: Jeff Moser stated that the Booster Club is placing concrete by the High School concession stand at JJ Jensen to make it more handicap accessible to restrooms.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, 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.