

HARLAN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – FEBRUARY 10, 2026

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 12:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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

Electronically Present: Troy Schaben

Absent: Jeff Moser

Also Present: Jenney Kelly, Tim Miller, Ashley Schleis, Gervas Mgonja, Maya Kenkel

The meeting was called to order by Berndt. It was moved by Christensen and seconded by Petersen 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 Petersen to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report – updates provided by Tim Miller

Monthly Financials – Pool & Parks (Information Only)

RAGBRAI (discussion only) – It was discussed that we are in the infancy planning stages, but we will make improvements to the parks. The parks will be full July 19.

It was also noted that the Shelby County Speedway will be adding three hundred campsites for the races taking place that weekend.

It was also discussed that we will volunteer groups for the campgrounds, and we will need golf carts for that.

High School Baseball Bullpen Fencing – 50% City Funded – Tabled further discussion pending results of grant funding. Two grants have been submitted.

Disc Golf Improvements – Miller discussed talking to Justin on Friday. The fundraising is continuing. Mgonja needs more information to apply for grants. Petersen will speak with Justin to get the necessary information.

Pool Lights – Burnham's quote is not for the same lights as ARC Electric's. Tabled further discussion until the next meeting.

River Access – Christensen Bros Inc was selected for the River Access project. Performance Grading will be the subcontractor for the dirt work.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Havick to make a recommendation to City Council to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Field #2 Lights – It was stated that the poles are up, and the light fixtures are hung. We are waiting on ARC Electric to trench. Mgonja has applied for an umbrella grant for the bleachers.

Sign Committee – Schaben to reach out to Monogram. Shane Schechinger will be making the signs.

Grandma B's Dream Playground – The entryway sidewalk was formed this morning. We expect the sidewalk can be poured this afternoon. After that, the entryway can be poured.

Eric Rose will lay block for the bathroom this weekend into next week, and then the interior work can be done. We are waiting on the final blockwork to pour concrete around it.

There is more drainage to do.

We plan to start carving the donor bricks in the next 3 weeks around the end of February. It was decided that the brick parameters will be four-by-eight (4x8) for \$1,000.00-\$4,999.99 donated, eight-by-eight (8x8) for \$5,000.00-\$14,999.99 donated, and twelve-by-twelve (12x12) for \$15,000.00 and above donated.

Parks Planning Document (Update & Discussion) – No updates.

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: None.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 10, 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.