

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2015
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Berg, DeBruin, Kindt, Tank, and VanOrmer. Staff present: McMahon, Pietrus, and Thurston. Guests present: John Ratzloff, Jon Brown, David Locke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. To approve the agenda for the April 15, 2015 regular meeting.

No changes to the agenda were offered and the Chairman directed approval of the agenda as presented.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2015.

VanOrmer moved, with Tank seconding, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Park Board meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Park Update: Thurston gave an update that included recent work including tilling of the garden plots and creation of eight new plots, that a picnic table at Ellis Larson Park has been destroyed by vandals, and that spring park preparation is underway.
4. City Update: Pietrus reported that the Lions Club will donate \$7,000 for park improvements for the park in Legendary Estates Addition and that the park will be named Lions Park. He also reported on the street closure plan for Willow Street during Harrisburg Days as well as the detour and parking plan for the event. Jon Brown reported that the survey is underway for the Central Park Design and for the drainage study and that they are preparing for a kick-off meeting with interest groups at the next Park Board meeting.
5. Foundation Update: Pietrus provided a short update on the upcoming Harrisburg Days event.
6. HBA Update: Ratzloff reported on the rebuilding of the dugouts and backstops and for building a batting cage. They are also expanding the infield on one of the t-ball fields to accommodate girls' softball. He also thanked the City crew for grading and fertilizing and asked that the rubble pile be removed and that hand sanitizers be provided in the bathrooms.
7. Invitation to the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Open House: Berg asked the members to attend the Open House at the downtown Holiday Inn from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

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8. Budget request for porta potties: Pietrus reported on the proposal to purchase porta potties instead of renting them and the cost savings this would provide. DeBruin moved, with Kindt seconding, to recommend to the City Council that Park Board funds be used to purchase ten porta potties as proposed with one of them to be handicapped accessible. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
9. Discussion of Park Board member appointments: Berg noted that the terms of appointment for Kindt and McDonald are expiring and asked if they would like to be appointed for another term.

OLD BUSINESS

No input or discussion was offered.

MEMBER INPUT

VanOrmer suggested that a fountain be installed at the dog park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 in the Liberty Elementary School Board Room and will include the election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon
Planning & Zoning Administrator