

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2015
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members present: Kvasnicka and McMahon. Staff present: Brown, Locke, McMahon, and Thurston. Council member Berg and John Ratzloff were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. To approve the agenda for the October 14, 2015 regular meeting.

The Chairman directed approval of the agenda as presented.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2015.

Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes were reviewed but not acted upon.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Park Update: Thurston gave an update of recent maintenance activities and issues as well as recent vandalism at several parks. He also noted that 47 trees are being transplanted from the Grand Gardens area to various parks. The extent of park vandalism and the impact of this vandalism on staff time and resources was discussed.
4. City Update: No City update was provided.
5. Update on paving project at Ellis Larson Park: Brown provided a handout of the paving project and reported that the addition of the sidewalk had increased the project cost to \$23,500. The consensus of the Board was to request that the Council provide the additional funding for the project from the Park Board budget.
6. Foundation Update: No one from the Harrisburg Days Foundation was present to provide an update.
7. HBA Update: Ratzloff reported that the fall softball and baseball programs were coming to a close and that the traveling teams for next summer's program have been formed.
8. Central Park Development Plan update: Brown reported that the changes that were discussed by the Board have been made to the Plan and that the Plan will be presented to the Council on October 19. He also discussed the grading plan with the Board.
9. Discussion of field improvement reimbursement: Ratzloff reported that the HBA has invested heavily in field improvements this year which resulted in a budget deficit of approximately \$35,000. He noted that the investment in improvements is likely to

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continue in 2016 and that it would be a great help if the City would reimburse the HBA for this year's concrete work at fields one and two (\$9,500) and for the installation of the new scoreboard (\$4,932). The consensus of the Board was to request that the Council authorize these reimbursements from the Park budget if funds are available to do so.

10. Review of proposed Advisory Park and Recreation Board and Park regulations. McMahon reviewed the proposed regulations with the Board and several minor changes were suggested.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed filling the vacant positions on the Board and recommends that Thurston be appointed to fill one of the vacant positions.

ADJOURNMENT

Kvasnicka moved, with McMahon seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9 in the Liberty Elementary School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon
Planning & Zoning Administrator