

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016  
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Members present: DeBruin, Kvasnicka, McMahon, and Tank. Staff present: McMahon, Remmerde, and Thurston. Also present was John Ratzloff.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. To approve the agenda for the February 17, 2016 regular meeting.

DeBruin moved, with McMahon seconding, to approve the agenda with the addition to New Business of a discussion of Cub Scout park cleanup. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of January 13, 2016.

DeBruin moved, with Kvasnicka seconding, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Park Board meeting as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Skateboard Park Discussion: Billy Nelson was not present to continue this discussion.
4. Discussion of the HDF flag football program: Ratzloff informed the Board that the Foundation has decided to keep and continue this program.
5. Discussion of an event for Arbor Day. The Board discussed Tree City USA requirements for membership, when to hold the event, and possible activities to include in the event. The consensus of the Board was to host the Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 30 at Heartland Park. Thurston will investigate tree costs and will ask the Mayor to participate in the event. Kvasnicka moved, with DeBruin seconding, to request to the City Council that up to \$500 be used from the Park Improvements budget for trees to be planted during the event and for event costs. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
6. Discussion of 2016 Grand Garden applications and season. The Board discussed the upcoming gardening season and reached a consensus to keep the application fee the same as last year and to not increase the number of plots available for lease.
7. Park Update: Thurston gave a very short update of recent winter maintenance activities. He also discussed briefly reseeding and tree planting needs for the upcoming season.
8. City Update: Michael McMahon reported on the progress of the Willow Street Trail project and informed the Board that Lloyd Companies will be present at the next

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meeting to discuss their development plans for the Muth property, which include  
creation of a new park.

9. Foundation Update: No one from the Foundation was present to provide an update.
- 10.HBA Update: Ratzloff reported that the HBA has opened registration for the 2016 season and that approximately 500 applications have been received so far with a month left before registration ends. He added that the HBA has purchased portable benches for use at various fields this summer. He also discussed with the Board the need for two new backstops on two fields at Legion Park at an approximate cost of \$6,000. Kvasnicka moved, with DeBruin seconding, to table the backstop request until the next Park Board meeting so the Board can review the 2016 budget before making a recommendation to the City Council on this request. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
- 11.Discussion of Cub Scout park cleanup. Tank reported on a proposal by the local Cub Scout Pack to have their scouts perform a Park Cleanup Event on Thursday, May 5. The consensus of the Board was to accept and approve the proposal.
- 12.Discussion of a Central Park flier. Remmerde distributed a draft flier which the Board briefly discussed. The consensus of the Board was to continue this discussion at their next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business was presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kvasnicka moved, with DeBruin seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon  
Planning & Zoning Administrator