

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 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, Joey Struwe, Collin McKenzie, Josh Sisson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. To approve the agenda for the February 11, 2015 regular meeting.

Chairman Berg added New Business items (Resignation of Park Board member Nickles and Discussion of Tennis Courts), Tank reported that he had a discussion item for Grand Gardens. Tank moved, with DeBruin seconding, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2015.

VanOrmer moved, with Tank seconding, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 Park Board meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion of Tennis Courts: Joey Struwe, High School Activities Director, reported that new tennis courts will be built for use beginning this fall at the high school. He is working to get a US Tennis Association grant for construction and equipment and is trying to resurrect the Harrisburg Tennis Association. The grant requires community involvement and commitment. Pietrus stated that an annual City grant is available with the recommendation of the Park Board and invited a request for such funding when the HTA is re-established.
4. Park Update: Thurston gave a short update on snow removal and sign preparation.
5. City Update: Pietrus reported that the drainage study and the Central Park Development Plan have been delayed until the City Council makes a decision on the City Engineer. He also reported on a recent meeting with the Devitt family.
6. HBA Update: Ratzloff reported on progress for rebuilding the dugouts and backstops and for building a storage building. He also reported that practice has begun for the season and on the new fields to be built at the high school. He said that HBA would like to offer a fall baseball program and discussed this with the Board.
7. Foundation Update: McKenzie noted that the coed softball league had approached the Foundation for sponsorship. Discussion followed about HBA taking over administration of this and similar leagues. Field use for flag football and softball were also discussed.

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8. Trail Updates: McMahon had nothing to report.
9. Berg reported the resignation of Heidi Nickles from the Board.
10. Discussion of Harrisburg's 125th Anniversary: This will continue to be worked on.
11. Discussion of spring and summer activities: This item was tabled until the next meeting.
12. Discussion of Grand Gardens: Tank reported on his attempts to get quotes for stainless steel cleaning tables for the gardens. Sisson will check on the availability of several tables. Squash bug treatment was discussed as well as adding more plots and a possible fee increase.
13. Discussion of 2015 Harrisburg Days: McKenzie and Sisson discussed moving the event to Railroad, Main, and Prairie Streets as well as using Hugh Robinson Park for the arts in the park event. The carnival will use Railroad Street, the car show will be on Prairie Street, and the food vendors, beer garden, and stage will be on Main Street. City staff will notify adjacent property owners, the Legion will be used for the all-school reunion, and the former City Hall for staging. Parking, events, and other logistical items were also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

No input or discussion was offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Tank moved, with VanOrmer 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 11 in the Liberty Elementary School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon
Planning & Zoning Administrator