

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 8, 2015
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tank called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. after an extended Central Park Planning Session.

Members present: Berg, DeBruin, Kindt, Kvasnicka, McMahon, Tank, and VanOrmer. Staff present: Brown, Locke, Mahlen, McMahon, Pietrus, Remmerde, and Thurston. Mayor Burke-Bowen, Sioux Falls Council member Kenny Anderson, Jr., and four other guests were also present.

Chairman Tank welcomed new members Dan Kvasnicka and Lois McMahon to the Board.

Mayor Burke-Bowen thanked the Board members for their service to the community and expressed her appreciation for their work to move forward with park development on a limited budget.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. To approve the agenda for the July 8, 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 June 10, 2015.

VanOrmer moved, with DeBruin seconding, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 Park Board meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Mayor Burke-Bowen introduced Sioux Falls Council member Kenny Anderson, Jr. to the Board. Mr. Anderson described his efforts to bring a national softball tournament to Sioux Falls, which have resulted in four tournaments scheduled in 2016. He would like to have teams from local communities compete for a paid entry in one of the 2016 national tournaments. The idea is to use the City's two softball fields for one weekend tournament among teams from the small towns around Sioux Falls. The consensus of the Park Board was to support the tournament proposal.
4. Park Update: Thurston gave an update of recent maintenance activities and issues as well as recent vandalism at Ellis Larson Park.
5. City Update: Pietrus reviewed upcoming projects with the Board.
6. Foundation Update: Josh Sisson introduced the Foundation's new event coordinator, Angie Kuiper and briefly discussed the Foundation's intentions for 2016.

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7. HBA Update: Kevin Corcoran thanked the City maintenance crew for their work on the fields. The HBA will be appointing a Softball Commissioner to work with local softball leagues. They will also be installing new moveable backstops on the four coach-pitch fields.
8. Recommendation to the City Council on 2016 Park and Tree budgets. There was an extensive discussion of projects and spending for 2016. DeBruin moved, with Kindt seconding, to recommend to the City Council that the following items be budgeted for 2016:
- Park budget:
- Land line item: \$34,000 to purchase a lot in Legendary Estates for the outlet of the proposed trail under the BNSF railroad tracks (in conjunction with the agreed-upon donation of a lot by Nielson Construction).
 - Improvements Other Than Buildings line item: \$50,000
 - Subsidies line item: \$40,000 (\$15,000 each for HBA and HDF, \$10,000 for soccer and tennis).
- Forestry budget:
- Supplies and Materials line item: \$10,000 (the Board would like to “roll over” the 2015 Forestry budget to 2016 and use the resulting \$20,000 to buy and plant trees in Central Park as part of the grading project for the new park in 2016).

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The Board also requested a report for the next meeting about the status of dedicated park funds.

OLD BUSINESS

No input or discussion was offered.

ADJOURNMENT

DeBruin moved, with Kindt seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 in the Liberty Elementary School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon
Planning & Zoning Administrator