

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

Members present: DeBruin, Kindt, Kvasnicka, McMahon, and Tank. Staff present: McMahon, Remmerde, and Thurston. Also present were Robert, Mindy, and Billy Nelson, Collin McKenzie, and Tami Harms.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. To approve the agenda for the December 9, 2015 regular meeting.

The Chairman directed approval of the agenda with the addition, under New Business, of a discussion about creating a skateboard park.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of September 9 and October 14, 2015.

McMahon moved, with Kindt seconding, to approve the minutes of the September 9 and October 14 Park Board meetings as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Skateboard Park Discussion: Billy Nelson asked the Park Board to consider the creation of a skateboard park at Heartland Park. He has chosen the creation of the skateboard park as his project for his eighth grade Genius Hour class. The consensus of the Board was to give this proposal further consideration at their January 13 meeting. Mr. Nelson was asked to bring a conceptual design of the proposed skateboard park to that meeting.
4. Park Update: Thurston gave an update of recent winterization maintenance activities as well as recent acts of vandalism at several parks. He also reported that 33 trees have been transplanted from the Grand Gardens area to various parks. He also discussed purchasing new grass seeding equipment with the Board.
5. City Update: No City update was provided.
6. Discussion of the HDF flag football program: Collin McKenzie and Tami Harms asked the Park Board to consider taking over the HDF's flag football program. The Foundation has not found a program manager and is shifting focus to concentrate on fundraising for building Central Park. The program supports over 400 participants (in 1st through 5th grade) on 35 teams that play on 4 fields in September and October. The program has provided a net income of \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year to the Foundation from a participation fee of \$50. Season sign-up notifications to students usually are distributed in May. The Board asked staff to investigate this further for action at the January 13 Park Board meeting.

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2015
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

7. Foundation Update: McKenzie reported that he is the newly-elected President of the Foundation and that they have secured the bands and carnival for the 2016 Harrisburg Days Event. He also noted that the HDF Board is working on revising their focus to concentrate more on fundraising for the construction of Central Park and will present their new action plan to the Park Board at a future meeting.

8. HBA Update: No one was present to provide this update.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Kindt moved, with DeBruin seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13 in the Liberty Elementary School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon
Planning & Zoning Administrator