

**HARRISBURG PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2018
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tank called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bergsmith, DeBruin, Larson, Maxwell, Lois McMahon, and Tank. Staff present: McMahon, Thurston, Brown, and Locke. There were 2 guests present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. To approve the agenda for the February 22, 2018 regular meeting.

DeBruin moved, with Maxwell seconding, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of January 10, 2018.

Bergsmith moved, with Maxwell seconding, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Park Board meeting as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

BUSINESS ITEMS

3. Discussion with Harrisburg Community Foundation about field options and the next phase of Central Park. John Sutton and John Ratzloff discussed baseball field options and funding of improvements with the Board.
4. HBA Update. Ratzloff updated the Board on the progress of spring registration, which ends March 15, and promised to have the HBA items in storage at Ellis Larson Park moved out by April 1. He also requested approval of the annual stipend at the next Park Board meeting.
5. Discussion of a tubing event at Great Bear. The Board thanked DeBruin for all of his work for this event and discussed event details without taking further action on this item.
6. Discussion of snow shoe event at Good Earth State Park. This event could not be held due to a lack of sufficient snow cover at the Park. The Board will try again next year.
7. Discussion of the Arbor Day event. The Board discussed this year's event to be held on May 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Liberty Elementary School. A run/walk around the new pond will be held as well as kite flying and building bird feeders. Thurston has ordered trees for planting demonstrations. Board members were assigned tasks for the event. Meal vouchers to Harrisburgers will be provided instead of serving hot dogs this year.
8. City Update: Removal of the buildings at Ellis Larson Park was briefly discussed.

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9. Review of 2018 Community Gardens application and guidelines. The Board reviewed both documents and approved the changes needed to bring them up to date. The Board also discussed a possible donation of two plots to South Middle School for a student project, with produce going to the Food Pantry.
10. Discussion of Park Improvements CIP. This item was deferred to a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Bergsmith moved, with Maxwell seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 in the City Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon
Planning & Zoning Administrator