

**HARRISBURG PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 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, Kindt, Larson, Maxwell, Lois McMahon, and Tank.
Staff present: McMahon, Thurston, Locke, and Brown. There were 8 guests present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. To approve the agenda for the April 11, 2018 regular meeting.

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

2. To approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2018.

Kindt moved, with DeBruin seconding, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Park Board meeting as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

BUSINESS ITEMS

3. Discussion with Mayor about Central Park development, grant opportunity, and City Vision. Mayor Julie presented information from the Vision Committee and the Visionary Plan adopted by the City Council. She also challenged the Park Board to take advantage of a grant opportunity to place a handicapped accessible piece of playground equipment in every City park.
4. Discussion of the Arbor Day event. The Board discussed this year's event to be held on May 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Liberty Elementary School. McMahon distributed t-shirts for the members to wear during the event. Thurston discussed the logistics of planting a tree next to the school. Meal vouchers to Harrisburgers were also discussed.
5. Request to build a basketball court in Lions' Park. Several residents of Legendary Estates were present to request that a basketball court be constructed in Lion's Park. Stockwell Engineers will prepare a sketch and cost estimate for this project.
6. Request for City Cleanup assistance by Leah Jansen. McMahon distributed a letter from Jansen requesting trash bags and disposal assistance for a volunteer cleanup crew. McMahon and Pietrus will coordinate the requested assistance.
7. Discussion with Andrew Pietrus about traffic control in Central Park. Pietrus reported that vandals have driven on newly-seeded areas in the park and badly damaged the landscaping work that had been done there. He suggested purchasing and installing traffic barriers, using large pieces of quartzite, to protect areas from further damage. After an extensive discussion, Kindt moved, with DeBruin seconding, to recommend

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to the City Council that up to \$10,000 be approved to purchase and place the stone barriers at the new parking lot and along the gravel entrance road in Central Park. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

8. HBA Update: No one from HBA was present to give this update.
9. City Update: Pietrus and Berg discussed a proposed sports complex north of the High School as well as work to get ready for the next phase of development of Central Park. Brown reported on the status of the Willow Street Trail (one easement left to obtain, project bid expected to occur in August). Thurston reported on a request to pave the entrance and bench areas at Rover Range Park. The Board reached a consensus to place the first handicapped-accessible swing set in Heartland Park. Locke will obtain cost estimates from equipment suppliers. The Board recommends that the City Council allocate funds for the grant match, as proposed by the Mayor, based upon the cost estimates. Movies in the Park was also discussed. Shalom Church has requested to host a movie on April 27 (Despicable Me 3) and Travis Johns has agreed to act as host. The Park Board approved the request.
10. Distribution and discussion of trail planning maps. McMahan provided each Board member with a copy of the 2007 Master Trail and Park Plan map as well as two sets of maps prepared by the Stockwell GIS Department for members to sketch park and trail locations for discussions at future meetings. Tank discussed the need to start work on an update of the City's Park and Trail Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Bergsmith moved, with Larson seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 in the City Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahan
Planning & Zoning Administrator