

Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on November 8, 2023, at 6:02 p.m., with Scott Langerock presiding. Members present were Ryan Berg, Jason Nelson, Shannon Gustafson, and Chris Kuntz. Also present from the city were Larry Klipfel, Jason Thurston, Kevin Maxwell and David Locke from Stockwell Engineers. A list of all others in attendance is on file at the city office.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comment –

Chris Whirlwind Soldier from the National Parks Service’s Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program presented on professional and technical services offered to assist in identifying funding sources and directing community engagement for outdoor recreational programs.

Applications for the next available, applicable opportunity are due March 1, 2024.

Consent Agenda: Motion R. Berg, seconded by Kuntz to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approved Agenda – Declaration of any Potential Conflict of Interest
2. Approved October 11, 2023 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

Staff Reports. Irrigation at Central Park is in progress, hopeful the well at Lake Ole will be drilled in November and the waterfall installed next year. Xcel Energy will install three-phase power.

In programming, the Library will host Sensory Santa on December 8, the City is working to hire a supervisor for indoor walking at Liberty, and the new Library director starts at the end of November. The Tree City USA application is due soon.

Langerock provided an update on grant opportunities; the Land and Water Conservation grant requires official budget support from the City Council, and there is another opportunity with the Community Forestry grant in the spring. The AARP Community Challenge is complete for 2023, but the Parks board can apply for the 2024 Flagship Grant next year.

The Holiday lighting competition will begin in December; members have secured donations from local businesses to distribute as prizes.

With no further business, a motion was made by Berg, seconded Langerock to adjourn the Parks, Recreation & Forestry board meeting at 7:36 p.m. Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Harrisburg Parks & Rec Board will be held at 6:00 pm on December 13, 2023.

Submitted by Shannon Gustafson, Secretary.