

Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on July 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with Scott Langerock presiding. Members present were Ryan Berg, Elizabeth Heidinger, Jason Nelson, Christopher Kuntz, Lizzy Heidinger, Marie Story. Also present were Magenta Hammond and Toby Huizenga from the City, Librarian Cheyenne Chontos, John Sutton with the Harrisburg Baseball Association, and David Locke from Stockwell Engineers and Heath Von Eyre the Deputy City Administrator.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Kuntz, seconded by Nelson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approved Agenda – Declaration of any Potential Conflict of Interest
2. Approved June 11, 2025 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

Business Items:

Harrisburg Baseball- Getting ready for post season play with all teams. All teams had great seasons. Continued work toward the new project at the HS with Scheels Park signage being installed. The softball field is ready to go and work on the baseball fields will continue when funding is secured.

Locke shared the trails plan with the approved maps that will be implemented into the master plan.

Discussion around Park Board goals for 2025-2026 were discussed. The City is updating their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Trails/Park Master plans should feed into that.

The Board continued discussion on the parks master plan and is looking for a time table for the green spaces in the city. When they became city property, how many we have to work with, and the locations. The discussion was detailed with how to balance the development of central park and the green spaces. It was agreed by the board that we would like to recommend to the council to see progress on the central park parking lot and a consistent signage plan for the green spaces. There was good conversation led by Mr. VonEye who shared his experience and vision.

All the discussion was part of the progress toward a priority list of the board. This includes balancing the central park parking lot, green spaces signage and development and the updated trails plan. All this will depend on the new CIP from the staff. The board intends to make its first recommendations at the August meeting for the 1st reading.

Hammond shared an overview of the upcoming Parks & Recreation sponsored National Night Out event to be held on August 5th at Hugh Robinson. Vendors and food trucks will be the highlights with the staff and board handing out food tokens and raffle tickets to the residents.

With no further business, a motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. 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 September 10th, 2025

Submitted by Scott Langerock, Park Board Member.