Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., with Scott Langerock presiding. Members present were Shannon Gustafson, Jason Nelson, Chris Kuntz, Ryan Berg, Taylor Berg, Heather Stolsmark and Elizabeth Heidinger. Also present from the city were Jason Thurston and Kevin Maxwell. A list of all others in attendance is on file at the city office.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

1. Approved Agenda – Declaration of any Potential Conflict of Interest

2. Approved March 13, 2024 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

An update from the Harrisburg Baseball Association noted that there are 850 players registered this season, and that the HBA will partner with Tea and Lennox for additional field space.

Business Items:

The Library will host an Arbor Day event, the “Mystery Tree Challenge” on April 27th.

The last day of school party will offer giveaways from Midco (Bluetooth speakers), fishing, hatchet throwing, animals from the Country Apple Orchard, snacks provided by the Optimist Club, water from Ace Hardware and Fareway, door prizes from Dollar Fresh and others, a DJ, inflatables, and much more. The Chamber is helping with this event.

Harrisburg Days is June 6-9 this year; it’s a city-wide effort and Parks & Rec board members are encouraged to volunteer.

An agreement was approved for a bike path master plan; public input and stakeholder meetings will take place in the near future. The goal of the plan is to connect local bike paths to Sioux Falls and other neighboring communities. There will be a booth at Harrisburg Days to promote the effort.

The board decided to continue with inviting food trucks to National Night Out and provide food discount vouchers to attendees. Last year more than 900 people attended the event.

Staff Reports:

Baseball games have begun on Field A, and the conditional use permit will be issued for the concessions building once the water fountain is functional. Staff is preparing literature on the Emerald Ash Bore to be distributed to Harrisburg residents. Central Park irrigation is in progress.

With no further business, a motion was made by R. Berg, seconded by Kuntz, to adjourn the Parks, Recreation & Forestry board meeting at 7:30 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 May 8, 2024.

Submitted by Shannon Gustafson, Secretary.