Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on May 8, 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 were Jason Thurston from the City, Mayor Wenck, and David Locke from Stockwell Engineers.

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 April 10, 2024 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

Business Items:

Locke provided an update on Central Park and the Harrisburg Trails Plan. The City is waiting on Xcel for power to the pumps that will complete the irrigation installation. An advisory committee has been formed to guide decision-making for the trails plan. The Mayor suggested that Showplace may have an interest in partnering to complete walking trails at Central Park. The board agreed to formalize a request to the City Council for funding phases 1.2 and 1.3 of the Central Park master plan at the July meeting.

An update from the Harrisburg Baseball Association noted that there are 1100 total players registered this season, with 850 in the rec league. The HBA will partner with Tea and Lennox for additional field space.

Staff Reports:

The Library hosted the “Mystery Tree Challenge” on April 27th.

The last day of school party planning is well underway. The City will partner with the Chamber to host the event.

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

With no further business, a motion was made by R. Berg, seconded by T. Berg, to adjourn the Parks, Recreation & Forestry board meeting at 7:02 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 June 12, 2024.

Submitted by Shannon Gustafson, Secretary.