Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on September 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., with Scott Langerock presiding. Members present were Jason Nelson, Chris Kuntz, Ryan Berg, Shannon Gustafson, Heather Stolsmark and Elizabeth Heidinger. Also present were Jason Thurston and Chris Kullander from the City, Mayor Wenck, Alderman Kevin Maxwell, and representatives from the Library and Harrisburg Baseball Association.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

2. Approved August 14, 2024 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

Business Items:

The Harrisburg Trails Committee will meet September 12 to review the timeline options for implementation.

Requests have been made for guidance on adult intramural options; the ballfields and volleyball courts behind the high school may be made available for such activities, and the board can consider options utilizing space at Liberty Heritage when the building is fully under City management.

The board discussed the Holiday Lighting Competition and decided on three awards; one for a Harrisburg business, one for most festive street, and one for an individual home. The Board will select a winner for the most festive street on December 11, and public voting will be open for best home until December 18.

Officers were elected with Langerock as Chairperson, T. Berg as Vice Chairperson, and Gustafson as Secretary. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by R. Berg to elect the officers as offered; all in favor, motion carried.

Thurston introduced Chris Kullander, who will be working with the Parks Department. He also reported that the Department will begin pruning boulevard trees in October, and that the Emerald Ash Borer has still yet to be confirmed in Harrisburg.

With no further business, a motion was made by R. Berg and seconded by Langerock to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 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 October 9, 2024.

Submitted by Shannon Gustafson, Secretary.