Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on October 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., with Scott Langerock presiding. Members present were Jason Nelson, Shannon Gustafson, Heather Stolsmark and Elizabeth Heidinger. Also present were Jason Thurston from the City, Alderman Kevin Maxwell, and a Cheyenne Chontos from the Library.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

2. Approved September 11, 2024 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

Business Items:

The Harrisburg Baseball Association is wrapping up for the season and preparing for winter.

A proposal for the trail system is being finalized and will be shared with the board and additional public meetings in November.

Scheels Park held its groundbreaking last week and it is hoped it will be playable by Spring.

The board finalized the awards for the Holiday Lighting competition. Awards will be presented to the best business, best residence, and best street/lane. The board determined that all awards will be selected by the public. Nominations will close on December 8. Kevin Maxwell generously sponsored the signs for the Holiday Lanes Award, a plaque will be presented to the best business, and gift cards will be awarded to the best residence.

Langerock provided examples of adult recreational programming in surrounding cities. The board will consider options and regroup in November, with the hopes of offering some activities in January or February.

Langerock also reminded the board to be aware of grant opportunities, and to continue the efforts to seek out and apply for appropriate grants as available.

City staff has been pruning boulevard trees to prepare for snow plows and winterizing sprinkler systems to prepare for winter.

With no further business, a motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Heidinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 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 November 13, 2024.

Submitted by Shannon Gustafson, Secretary.