

Harrisburg Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Recreation Board was called to order on January 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with Scott Langerock presiding. Members present were Ryan Berg, Heather Stolsmark, Elizabeth Heidinger, Chris Kuntz. Also present were Jason Thurston from the City, Alderman Kevin Maxwell, Librarian Cheyenne Chontos, David Locke from Stockwell Engineers, and Amanda Mack, Magenta Hammond, and Marc Pickleman.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

One item was added to the agenda: introduction of the new City Administrator, Amanda Mack.

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

1. Approved Agenda – Declaration of any Potential Conflict of Interest
2. Approved November 13, 2024 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, all members present in favor.

Business Items:

New City Administrator Amanda Mack introduced herself and addressed the Board regarding her background and previous experience with Park and Recreation departments. The Board welcomed Amanda and is looking forward to her serving in her new position with the City of Harrisburg.

Locke gave an update on the Harrisburg Trails Plan, sharing that Toole Design is working on the plan with Stockwell and Thurston and the first draft should be complete this Spring. The Board discussed future uses for the plan, and Thurston asked if members of the Board would be interested in taking photos with their family to add to the plan as visual aids. Heidinger volunteered to do this.

Thurston provided a summary of Harrisburg's 2024 Holiday Lighting Contest. There were 415 total votes cast across the three categories: the highest participation to-date for the annual contest. There were 17 nominations for best residence with 1103 Hemlock Circle winning the vote. There were four nominations for best business with Pro Mow and Snow Property Maintenance winning the vote. There were four nominations for best street with Hemlock St./Cir. winning the vote.

Thurston introduced Magenta Hammond and Marc Pickleman to the Board. Magenta and Marc are current Harrisburg Parks employees that have helped with previous events and classes. Magenta will be helping more with City events such as The Last Day of School Party, National Night Out, Easter Eggstravaganza, Hometown Holiday, and Harrisburg Days. Marc will be helping more with City programming such the Outdoor Campus classes, Embe tours, and Learner Interest Days at the Harrisburg School District. The Board then discussed possible starter ideas for a monthly senior activity and a monthly "community coffee hour."

With no further business, a motion was made by Berg and seconded by Stolsmark to adjourn the meeting. 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 February 12, 2025.

Submitted by Shannon Gustafson, Secretary (based on notes from Scott Langerock and Jason Thurston).