



MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022
6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Laura Frees.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Brent Caruthers	Harrisonville		Present	
Bret Reece	Harrisonville		Present	
David Atkinson	Harrisonville		Present	
Cathy Faris	Harrisonville		Absent	
Martin Parks	Harrisonville		Present	
Ed Roberts	Harrisonville		Present	
Kim Troby	Harrisonville		Present	
Vanessa Hargrave	Harrisonville		Present	
Laura Frees	Harrisonville		Present	

Others present were Parks & Recreation Director Grant Purkey, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Scott Garrie, Recreation & Fitness Manager Nichole Cogbill, Mayor Judy Bowman, Park Board Liaison Sandy Franklin and Recording Secretary Randy Jones. Also in attendance were some members from the local Boy Scout Troop.

II. Public Participation – none

III. Ceremonial Matters - none

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. September 13, 2022 Park Board Minutes

- a. Motion to accept by David Atkinson with a second by Brent Caruthers. Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Kim Troby, Laura Frees, Martin Parks, Ed Roberts, David Atkinson, Brent Caruthers, Vanessa Hargrave.
ABSENT:	Cathy Faris.
ABSTAIN:	Bret Reece

V. Parks and Recreation Department

1. Parks & Recreation 2021 & 2022 CIP Projects

a. Mr. Purkey gave a slide presentation reviewing the ten-year CIP for 2017-2027. He highlighted projects that have been completed and those that are still in progress. Areas reviewed were the Community Center, Outdoor Pool, Marler Wirt Allen Park, City Park and Park Maintenance.

2. Director's Report Presented by Grant Purkey. (Complete report attached to agenda)

- a. Community Center total membership has increased to 4623 members.
- b. Community Center most popular time to visit is at 5:00 a.m.
- c. Mr. Purkey met with members of the Kiwanis Club to discuss their 100-year anniversary project for the park.
- d. Mr. Purkey met with the Dog Park Committee, and they had a discussion on a possible shade structure along with benches a picnic table and a concrete pad.
- e. Four Seasons Electric replaced lights in the parking lot at the Community Center.
- f. Ed Roberts asked about the rodeo arena being moved and the plan would be to create a new arena behind the Community Center.
- g. The TDD vote for the Royal Street improvement project is scheduled for January 3, 2023.
- h. Nichole Cogbill has been hired as the Recreation & Member Service Manager.
- i. A new Recreation Fitness Manager has been hired and will begin soon.
- j. Laura Frees asked about the tree harvest at Lords Park. Mr. Purkey stated he was pleased at how it went and that the parks crew did a great job cleaning up afterwards. He also stated that since Walnut prices have dropped, it was recommended to wait on pursuing the City Park trees at this time. David Atkinson asked about the remaining logs. There was discussion on several ideas on how to remove them from the park. Disc Golf was brought up and Ed Roberts asked where the money from the sale of the trees went, and the answer was into the Misc. Line Item which can be used for any project.

k. Financial information was presented. Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Scott Garrie gave explanation of report and stated that he is working on cleaning up several line items and data so that it will be reflective of actual expense and will be easier and more efficient when gathering data. Brent Caruthers asked if the hiring of lifeguards would be returning to in-house and Mr. Purkey stated that is correct. Mr. Garrie stated that staffing control will help in controlling expenses derived from the outdoor pool as well as the indoor pool. There was discussion on possible changes to the current rate structure as well as other profitable events to look at.

VI. Other Business

- a. Bret Reece apologized for not attending last month's meeting.
- b. Ed Roberts inquired about the hot tub – it should be back running this week. He also expressed his support of raising the age limit to 16 at the outdoor pool and supported offering the logs from the park to those who might need it for winter fuel.
- c. Dr. Parks asked if the walking trail behind Thunderbird and the Career Center could be sprayed for weed control. He also requested job descriptions for all staff.
- d. Mayor Bowman stated that on Monday night, the Board of Aldermen would be recognizing those lifeguards who were involved in the incident at the outdoor pool this summer.

Motion to adjourn:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Roberts
SECONDER:	Vanessa Hargrave
AYES:	Kim Troby, Laura Frees, Martin Parks, Ed Roberts, Brent Caruthers, David Atkinson, Vanessa Hargrave.
ABSENT:	Cathy Faris (David Atkinson left @ 7:10 pm.)
ADJOURNED:	7:24 pm
Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022.	

Laura Frees, Chairman

ATTEST:

Randy Jones, Recording Secretary