MINUTES
HARRAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY OF HARRAH
19625 NE 23RD STREET, HARRAH, OKLAHOMA
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Call to Order Chairman Bredemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Roll Call and Flag Salute.

Roll Call Roll was called by Tina Rodriguez

Present: William Bredemeyer, Chairman
Valerie Moore, Vice Chairman
Cathey Byerley
Tammy Herzog
Gage Beavers, arrived at 6:14 pm

Flag Salute was led by William Bredemeyer

2. Accept and approve the minutes of 02.11.2026 Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Byerley and seconded by Herzog to approve the minutes of the 02.11.2026 Regular Meeting with the correction of the misspelling of Herzog's name on item 3.c.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Byerley, Herzog
NAY: None
ABSENT: Beavers
MOTION PASSED

3. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation regarding:

Skipped to item 3.c.

c. City Sponsored Special Event Concepts & Community Activities.

Moore has not been able to meet with Beavers yet about the Hello Summer event. Byerley advised her that they need to go through the closet and decide what items they will use, what needs to be tossed and what they need to purchase. She advised that it's expected to be hot so they should consider getting the slip and slide for this event and they need to select a movie to present at the next meeting. Herzog said she would send her the link to purchase the movie. Byerley offered to inventory the closet for Moore. Will need the final plans and advertising plan by the next meeting. Bredemeyer recommended the magician and face painter again, and they discussed the need to line up volunteers for the event.

a. Ongoing and Proposed Park Improvements and Beautification.

City Manager Jacob Wood gave an update on Blacksmith Park, has a quote on the sidewalk and parking lot, looking at additional drainage and outlines for the concrete barriers for the flower beds and sealing the granite. At Heritage Park they moved the canopy, he will check on the status of water.

Byerley asked about the status of installing the new trashcans at Heritage and Lions Parks and trash cans and a bench along the trail from the high school to 10th Street. Discussed how trail needs to be smoothed out where tree roots have created bumps in the asphalt

b. Long-range planning and vision for Future Development Projects.

Wood gave an update on the wetlands designation at Heritage Park. He has submitted a jurisdictional determination request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to get them to make a determination on the property. They are also looking at redoing the roof on the pavilion and bathroom and adding gutters.

d. Civic Partnerships for events and activities.

Herzog gave an update on the Farmers Market, will open May 2nd, they have submitted the paperwork and updated the website and will be updating the pictures. They have nine vendors and will have an egg vendor. Will put up sign about the Farmers Market and tokens up in April. She will also be a recruiter for the Senior Farmers Market Program.

Gage Beavers arrived at 6:14 pm.

Herzog continued informing the Board that they attended the mandatory training and are compliant and have some training left to complete.

Bredemeyer addressed the Boy Scouts in attendance. James Little, Scout Master of Troop 65 stepped up and informed the Board that he had two Life Rank Scouts there that would like to present some Eagle Scout projects for the park.

Shane, one of the scouts, presented ideas to build a volleyball court for $300 to $600, plus cost of leveling and drainage or tetherball poles for $80 to $200 a pole. The Board discussed updating or installing new distance markers on the trails, as the existing ones are no longer correct. Suggested making colored routes around the trail with posted distances. Concerned about theft of tetherballs and ropes.

Zach, the other scout, presented ideas about building floating logs for the pond for turtles to bask on and installing informative signs that identified the different species of turtles in the area, including land and water turtles. He also suggested installing bat houses. The Board liked both of these suggestions and suggested that the Scouts present their plans at the next board meeting.

e. Budget Priorities for Special Events and Park Improvements and potential funding sources.

Discussed upcoming OCCF Grant, City Clerk will send info out to Board members. Jennifer McCammond mentioned the TSET Grant that closes at the end of the month. Discussed submitting for an ADA compliant sidewalk down to the playground and basketball court. Already have bids for that project, will submit them to the City Manager and Gary.

Jeff Brzozowski suggested the City get shirts specifically for Park Employees so they can be identified. He also suggested that the City man the park over the weekend to handle the trash and restock the bathrooms and be available for citizens with issues at the park and to clean the algae off the splash pad. He thinks there should be someone working at the park on Saturday and Sunday.

to the weekend. McCammond asked if the person checking chlorine levels over the weekend could stop by the park each day to take care of the trash and bathrooms. Brzozowski also mentioned there were lights out on the trail at the park. They asked the City Manager about the Park Supervisor position and the status of applications.

Beavers requested that they revisit item 3.c. as he was not present for the discussion.

c. City Sponsored Special Event Concepts & Community Activities. (revisited)

Beavers asked about the film festival idea and discussed whether to use one screen or two, possibly including Okie State Room if there is enough interest to warrant two screens. Considering opening it up to include High School students, we will need judges and the screening will be on June 6th at the Hello Summer event. He made a flyer and they discussed that the flyer needs to be submitted to the school administration for approval.

With no further business the meeting **adjourned at 6:44 pm.**

William Bredemeyer, Chairman

Tina Rodriguez, Secretary