

MINUTES
HARRAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY OF HARRAH
19625 NE 23RD STREET, HARRAH, OKLAHOMA
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 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
Sarah Baker

Absent: None

Also Present: Jacob Wood, City Manager

Flag Salute was led by William Bredemeyer

2. Accept and approve the minutes of 04.08.2026 Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Herzog and seconded by Byerley to approve the minutes of the 04.08.2026 Regular Meeting with one change, correcting the number of desert willow trees from three to four.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Byerley, Herzog, Beavers, Baker

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

3. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation regarding:

- a. Ongoing and Proposed Park Improvements and Beautification.

- i. Discuss barriers for flower beds

Jacob Wood presented some options for barriers for the flower beds, board discussed options.

A motion was made by Herzog and seconded by Byerley to recommend the installation of barrier option B with rope with iron poles like option E.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Byerley, Herzog, Beavers, Baker

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

Herzog asked for an update on electric at the south end of the park and Wood informed her there were no updates on that project currently. Herzog asked about the budget for the

project and Wood gave an update and informed the board that the sidewalks and parking lot at Blacksmith Park was approved last week. Byerley asked about having soil delivered and weed control and Wood said they discussed spraying for weeds. Herzog asked about Christmas light displays that were planned for the current budget year, Wood said he would look into them.

Skipped to item 3.d.

d. Civic Partnerships for events and activities.

i. Presentation of proposed Eagle Scout Projects

Eagle Scout Shane discussed his proposed Eagle Scout Project for marking the distance on the trail at the park and creating walking routes with markers. He has measured the trail and determined where the posts will need to be placed. The board asked who funds the project, and he answered that the Scouts would fund the project but they can accept donations. He asked about having the City donate City Seals to be posted on the 8 posts and discussed using 4ft iron posts and giving the City two weeks lead time notice so they can call in locates.

A motion was made by Byerley and seconded by Beavers to recommend acceptance of the Eagle Scout's Presentation regarding replacing the distance markers along the trail at Heritage Park.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Byerley, Herzog, Beavers, Baker

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

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

Byerley mentioned the Parks Comprehensive Plan and asked if this plan would continue to be utilized or if the City will develop a new plan. Wood explained the plans for a new comprehensive plan for the City and that we would continue to work from the Parks Comprehensive Plan.

c. City Sponsored Special Event Concepts & Community Activities.

i. Approve the recommended list of purchase requests for the Hello Summer event and any other recommended expenses requests for the event.

Moore asked for guidance for the Purchase Order request process. Beavers said the film festival idea won't happen this time, he did not have enough time to organize the event. Moore informed the board that she had booked the facepainter, magician, food trucks and a drink trailer. Byerley advised her to coordinate with Mr. Tony's Concessions at the park. Beavers found a vendor that offers a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables and a little train ride for \$1300.00. The movie will be about \$500.00 and they will submit their request and see if there is enough money remaining for the petting zoo vendor. Discussed other materials to purchase for the event to include rocks and helium. Need to coordinate with the Kiwanis for volunteers for the event.

Herzog asked about an update on wifi at the park, the farmers market vendors need to have a dedicated line. Wood said he would look into it.

d. Civic Partnerships for events and activities.

ii. Harrah Friends of the Park proposed project to put an installation at Lions Park

Byerley advised the board that the Harrah Friends of the Park was proposing the installation of a mural on the south side of the bathroom wall at Lions Park for the 250th anniversary of America, and shared an example of the proposed mural image. The Harrah Friends of the Park would fund the project.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Baker to recommend acceptance of the Harrah Friends of the Park proposed project to install a mural at Lion's park to be completed based on the instructions to city staff.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Byerley, Herzog, Beavers, Baker

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

- iii. Harrah Friends of the Park proposed project to build an arbor arch at the Main Street Community Garden entrance

Byerley explained the arch would not be at the entrance to the Community Garden, and explained where it would be located within the garden. The work would be done by volunteers and the Harrah Friends of the Park would fund the project. They would have plants growing on it and it will have leaded windows.

A motion was made by Beavers and seconded by Moore to recommend allowing the Harrah Friends of the Park to build an arbor arch at the Main Street Community Garden at their cost.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Byerley, Herzog, Beavers, Baker

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

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

- i. Discuss budget recommendations for Fiscal year 26-27

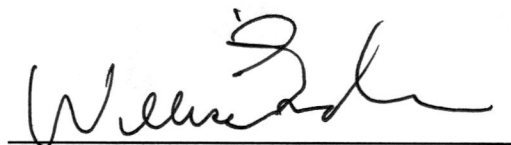
Wood went over the budget recommendation requests. Byerley explained the request for expanding wifi to all the parks. Discussed the alarm system for the concession stand, needing electric for the bathrooms for hand dryers and that the electrical panels around the park need to be inspected as some do not work. Discussed crosswalks and public space landscaping. Discussed budget for refurbishing vintage Christmas light displays and upgrades and repairs to the bathrooms and splashpads and budget to repair and resurface playground equipment and the need for a latching gate for the tot lot. Discussed tree budget and the need for an arbor assessment to plan for future tree removal.

- f. City Manager Report on the direction of the role, value and future of the Parks Board.

Wood mentioned this item was discussed at the Council meeting and that there was a discussion about the Ordinance establishing the Park Board and the purpose and powers that were established. Byerley explained that previous City Management had different expectations for them and they would like the ordinance to be updated to clarify what the expectations are. Wood said after reviewing the ordinance he feels it is clear that it is a recommendation board regarding the recommendations of the operation of parks and recreation and they submit recommendations on setting rules, the design and look of the parks, and that the board can recommend land use for

need to refine the communication process for how the Park Board and he work together. They discussed needs to get quotes for the budget and he said budget discussions should happen earlier and that the Park Board doesn't need to get into that level of budget management, that we need better communication with staff so staff can look into the Park Board requests and get quotes. He wants the Park Board to be more idea focused for additions and improvements, the big ideas, and let staff focus on the detail items.

With no further business the meeting **adjourned at 7:20 pm.**

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William Bredemeyer, Chairman

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Tina Rodriguez, Secretary