

MINUTES
HARRAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY OF HARRAH
19625 NE 23RD STREET, HARRAH, OKLAHOMA
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Call to Order Chairman Bredemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

1. Roll Call and Flag Salute.

Roll Call Roll was called by Tina Rodriguez

Present: William Bredemeyer, Chairman
Valerie Moore, Vice Chairman
Dakota Inman
Pamela Williams
Amanda Black, Non-Voting

Absent: Gage Beavers
Troy Skorkowsky
Kara Dyer

Also Present: Jacob Wood, City Manager

Flag Salute was led by William Bredemeyer

2. Accept and approve the minutes of 08.12.2026 Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Inman to approve the minutes of the 08.12.2026 Regular Meeting.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Inman, Williams

NAY: None

Absent: Beavers, Skorkowsky, Dyer

MOTION PASSED

3. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation regarding:

- a. Ongoing and Proposed Park Improvements and Beautification.

Cathey Byerley from Harrah Friends of the Park informed the Board that they want to install a perpetual plaque for retired Public Works Employees and have a little event to recognize them next summer. She wants the Board to plan a budget for refreshments for the event and plan it for during the week, and wants to schedule it when Jerry Chipman retires.

The City Manager gave an update on the disc golf updates, work will begin when the weather gets cooler. He should get the bids for the flower bed barriers soon.

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

The City Manager gave an overview on the Comprehensive Master Plan. They will need Park Board and community involvement. Bredemeyer said the existing Park plan can be

used as a guide for this project.

The Board discussed playground equipment that needs maintenance and repairs, the handicap accessible swing is not accessible in its location, and needs a sidewalk or firmer path. Discussed skate park improvements.

c. City Sponsored Special Event Concepts & Community Activities.

No discussion, item skipped.

d. Civic Partnerships for events and activities.

- i. Halloween event at Heritage Park in partnership with the Chamber and Harrah Friends of the Park.

Cathey Byerley of the Harrah Friends of the Park gave an overview of the Halloween event and the Friends of the Park and Harrah Chamber of Commerce involvement in the past events. Last year the event was moved to the Heritage Park after the event planned for Main Street was cancelled due to weather. The community loved the event and they had an estimated 3,000 people attend. They want to collaborate with the City and suggested the Park Board arrange for food trucks, the Friends of the Park wants to set up a Haunted House. Discussed having the Park Board submit a Special Event form.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Inman to approve having the Park Board Sponsor the Halloween event with the Harrah Friends of the Park and the Harrah Chamber of Commerce, to be held on the last Saturday in October, and to establish an approximate budget of \$3,000 for the event.

YAY: Bredemeyer, Moore, Inman, Williams

NAY: None

Absent: Beavers, Skorkowsky, Dyer

MOTION PASSED

Byerley continued discussing the Christmas in the Park event held the First Saturday in December. She informed the Board they need help asking for volunteers to help with the event and to help with putting up the lights and operating the event.

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

Jacob Wood explained the budget process and the plan to collect recommendations by November and for them to submit their list of what projects they want to have added to the new fiscal year budget and what maintenance projects they want addressed, to be submitted by December. He wants the Board to submit big ideas for staff to work on to get the costs and details for budget planning. He asked members to think about projects to suggest and discuss at the next meeting.

With no further business the meeting **adjourned at 7:03 pm.**



William Bredemeyer, Chairman



Tina Rodriguez, Secretary