

HARRIS PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Al Siedow called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** Present were Al Siedow, Shannon Geier, Debbie Siedow, and Diane Miller. Gabi Streater, and Tina Kolodziej were absent.
- IV. **Review Minutes from 7.12.2023:** Minutes approved as written.
- V. **Public Comment:** None
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Budget, Sue** – City Treasurer Sue Reising was present to review the 2024 budget for Parks & Rec and information explaining the criteria for valid public expenditures.
 - B. **Clarify role and responsibilities** –
 - The ball field painting – A template or outline of any proposed project should be prepared and reviewed by the Park & Rec Committee with final approval by the Council before implementation.
 - Subcommittees – Recap of the Harris Day event. Suggestions included the use of subcommittees for better control and accountability of planning and implementation.
 - Pond #1 – The Park & Rec Committee is requesting a controlled burn of the area between CR-30 and the ponds to get a better look at the topography. Also, volunteers are offering assistance with developing pond #1 into an amphitheater in exchange for a plaque or memorial in honor of someone of their choice.
 - Booth for Harris Days – The booth was not set up for Harris Days.
 - Survey for Harris Days – Since the booth was not set up, the survey for Parks & Rec was not conducted. Suggestions included putting the online survey with QR code on the City of Harris Web site and Facebook page and distributing posters to The Kaffe Stuga, Arco, and the Fuse.
 - C. **Grants** – The Music in the Park and National Fitness Campaign grants were discussed as funding opportunities that fit the criteria for two projects being considered by the Park & Rec Committee, converting pond #1 and an Outdoor Fitness Court for Schoolhouse Park.
 - D. **OSHA grant** – Shelter. The OSHA grant does not qualify for funding park shelter repairs.
 - E. **New Business** – Estimates to repair the Firemen’s Park shelter will be obtained for budgeting purposes.
 - F. **Park & Rec Committee Member Reports/updates** – None.
- VII. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.