



**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA  
HARRISBURG TOWN HALL  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**November 17, 2025  
6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2025

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Update

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during the Public Comment section. Please state your name and address for the record, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Project Updates

B. Farmer's Market Sub-Committee Update

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Department Updates:

- 1) Jim Spina - Parks and Recreation Director
- 2) Shawn Marble - Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

**5. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES**

**6. COUNCIL UPDATES**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Vision Statement**

Harrisburg will be a distinctive, family-focused community where memories are made.

**Mission Statement**

Together, we enhance our quality of life by collaborating, planning, and investing to create our community of choice.

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# MINUTES

## Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

*Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:03p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker*

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### In Attendance

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**Present:** Cheryl BAKER, , Hannah BUTLER, Micah CASH, Chris FAW (TC), Courtney HAYNES, Mohammed IDLIBI, Jim SPINA

**Absent:** Zach BOWMAN, Fred BRILLIANTE, Brett CROSBY, Dwayne LOTT(HACH), Shawn MARBLE

**Board Administrators Present:** NONE

**Council Member(s) Present:** NONE

**Planning and Zoning Member(s) Present:** NONE.

**Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage (HACH) Member(s) Present:** NONE

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### Agenda Adoption

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Motion was made to adopt agenda as prepared by Hannah Butler; Seconded by Mohammed Idlibi – all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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### Special Presentations/Public Comment

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- A. HACH: NONE.
- B. Public Comment: NONE.
- C. Public Access to Live Meeting via YouTube:

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### Approval of Minutes

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- A. Motion was made to adopt minutes from September 2025 by Mohammed Idlibi, seconded by Hannah Butler. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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### Old Business

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- A. JIM: Parks & Recreation Projects Update:
  - 1) Harrisburg Park – Turf Project with FieldTurf approved by TC (same turf as BoA, HickoryRidge, Charlotte Latin). Negotiations took place with FieldTurf bringing project to 1.9M – lighting will also be moved bringing project to 2.5M. Will have cooling technology installed to regulate field temps (+/-40degrees) Target timeline: contract signatures tomorrow, survey starts this week, designing begins next week with target start of construction by Thanksgiving. Target completion is March 2026.
  - 2) Harrisburg Park – drastic improvements of landscaping/turf. New equipment should be delivered/installed within next few weeks.
  - 3) Veteran’s Park – new landscaping is in, including sod (up the hill). Red, white, blue flowers planted along the beds; monuments installed, followed by stamping (on going now). Reopening/Rededication Ceremony is targeted for October 31<sup>st</sup> (and a rededication on Veterans Day)

- 4) Historic Pharr Mill Project – planning with McGill ongoing. Final edits sent to McGill with P&R and TC feedback. Official design forthcoming for final approval by TC. It will include previously discussed community center.
  - 5) Bathroom updates at Holcomb Woods – meeting with contractors now.
  - 6) Mainstreet Park project underway with McGill. Three focus groups put together ideas and McGill is working on design/planning now.
- B. Farmer’s Market Sub-Committee Update New Business
- 1) Jim spoke with Rob. Rob is particularly excited about bringing it to town center but wants to bring the subcommittee in to discuss funding and vision.

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## New Business

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- A. Department Updates – JIM –
- 1) Hired new Parks Superintendent – Nathan Striffe. Establishing minimum standards and fine tuning department. The parks looks fantastic!
  - 2) Next Tuesday, 10/28 at YMCA 6-8pm next week – Town Comprehensive Master Plan Meeting – gives community opportunity to tag what they’re interested in as plan starts rolling out.
  - 3) 1048 basketball registrants. (Starts around Thanksgiving)
  - 4) Hired full-time facility maintenance positions. Fully staffed for the first time in a while!
  - 5) Budget season has started! Due in November.
  - 6) New Rec-Coordinator is doing great. Sharp and understands how the programs need to run and wants to start new programs.
- B. Additional Updates:
- 1) Tennis clinic started on Sunday afternoons.
  - 2) Halloween Trick or Treat event is this Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Estimating 8K attendees.
  - 3) December 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas tree lighting and market.

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## Advisory Board Updates

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A. NONE.

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## Council Updates

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A. NONE.

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## Adjournment

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Motion made to adjourn meeting by Hannah Butler and seconded by Mohammed Idlibi.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, October 20, 2025.

**Next Meeting:** meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6pm in Town Chambers

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Chair

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Secretary



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**Agenda Item Details**

**Title:**

Project Updates

**Presenting Personnel:**

**Suggested Motion or Action:**

**Description/Background:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None



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Farmer's Market Sub-Committee Update

**Presenting Personnel:**

**Suggested Motion or Action:**

**Description/Background:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None



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**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None