



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

**January 26, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 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, Nov. 17, 2025 at 6:04p.m. in Administrative Conf. Room. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker*

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### In Attendance

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**Present:** Cheryl BAKER, Zach BOWMAN, Hannah BUTLER, Micah CASH, Brett CROSBY, Courtney HAYNES, Mohammed IDLIBI, Shawn MARBLE, Jim SPINA

**Absent:** Fred BRILLIANTE, Chris FAW (TC), Dwayne LOTT (HACH)

**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:

- 1) Fall Open Mic Night – 5 participants, 20 attendees. This event took place behind town hall so there was a lot of foot traffic and interest. Hoping for increased participation next year
- 2) Art in Community engagement
  - i. Young Artist Showcase (Spring) in early planning stages. Hoping to have in auditorium at the high school. Details to come.
  - ii. Traffic Signal Art around community. Needs to meet with Jim to discuss logistics. Will need to draft plan and submit to DOT.
  - iii. Art display wall at town hall to allow local artists to showcase their own art.
- 3) Art Walk Scholarship will go live in February and will be awarded in May.

B. Public Comment: NONE.

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### Approval of Minutes

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- A. Motion was made to adopt minutes from October 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) Veteran's Park – COMPLETE! Rededication ceremony took place on Veteran's Day. P&R team and Engineering team put on program. 100 attendees. It's beautiful – landscaping, sidewalks, stairs, restamping, etc.

- 2) Harrisburg Park – Turf Project with FieldTurf kicked off. Permits pending. DEQ request may take time but official start will likely be mid-December with a target completion of March 2026 (weather permitting).
- 3) Harrisburg Park – drastic improvements of landscaping/turf. New equipment installed. Hoping to have a ribbon cutting soon – planning ongoing but the project is complete.
- 4) Historic Pharr Mill Project – council decided on simple design – looking glass, canoe entry point with boardwalk and trail access. Will also have new, indoor event space (75-person capacity). The space will be rentable to the community. Waiting on contract to come back from McGill for official approval from TC.
- 5) Log Cabin at Harris Depot – making ADA accessible. Cross bracing needed and updating/adding sidewalks. A company who specializes in historical cleaning will come in and spruce up space.
- 6) Bathrooms at Holcomb Woods – initial draft of design received. Jim requested a larger space so they are updating requests
- 7) Main Street Park design in process – going back to McGill for revision for updated rendering. If everyone is happy with rendering, it will go to the next phase of design. This project will likely be fast-tracked due to community and town desire to develop a main street park area (fountain, landscaping, possible stage, etc.)

B. Farmer’s Market Sub-Committee Update New Business

- 1) Jim spoke with Rob. Rob wants Jim to discuss with subcommittee to come up with an itemized list of what the committees is seeking with the requested 50K beyond marketing, etc. Meeting needs to be scheduled with committee and Jim. (Who, what, when, where, why.)
  - o Mohammed: jumpstart the farmers market. It is a one-time, initial seed request to get a new, improved, central farmers market rolling.

## New Business

A. Department Updates – SHAWN –

- 1) Trick or Treat in the Park – approx. 8K people. 40-50 businesses and games. Parking lot was filled by 7pm. Really fun event but parking, year after year, has been an issue for this event. Sherriff’s department stepped in to direct traffic.
- 2) Christmas Tree Lighting: Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm. Tree in Harrisburg Park is up, Veterans Park is coming this week.
- 3) McKenzie is using a new program called EventMe to streamline vendor signups.
- 4) Two pop-warner teams (football and cheer) made it to playoffs. National championship will be in Charlotte this year.
- 5) Budget Season!
- 6) Basketball starts Wednesday (11/19) School gyms and new YMCA for games this year.
- 7) **BIG NEWS** – on Thursday, 11/20, the town is receiving an award for the tourism we bring into the county with our annual events. Not typically given to municipalities (usually individual businesses) – awarded by Cabarrus Business Bureau.

## Advisory Board Updates

- A. Brett CROSBY – YMCA is open and BUSY. Membership has nearly doubled since start of year. Everything is going well – usage, lessons, classes, swim meets start tomorrow, etc. Community has really embraced the space. Apart from two Sundays, the new Harrisburg has held the highest number of daily check-ins consistently since opening day (of all Y locations in Cab-Ro).

- B. Shawn – community input meetings for comprehensive plan will be wrapping up this week. A great opportunity to voice

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## Council Updates

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- A. Chris FAW – Absent from meeting, but comments provided prior to meeting.
  - i. Land Banking opportunities – TC needs to make decisions now – what they want, when, how much they want to allocate, etc. JIM – anticipate movement early next year. (4M to use with another 4M in upcoming budget.)
    - 1. CHERYL – do we have specific pieces of land that we’re looking at? JIM – Yes, currently McKinnley (donation piece), plot off Rocky River, Divine farm plot. We’ll likely see a natural progression of planning once new TC is seated early next year and they start the overall budgeting process for next year.
    - 2. JIM – also in the process of acquiring the fields at Rocky River Elementary so that P&R would be responsible for taking care of fields and storage (remedy the leaking issues, etc.) Working on agreement financials now but would be a great opportunity for the department.

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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, November 17, 2025.

**Next Meeting:** meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6pm in Town Chambers

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Chair

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Secretary



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**Presenting Personnel:**

**Suggested Motion or Action:**

**Description/Background:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None



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