



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

**April 20, 2026
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2026

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

- 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) Shawn Marble - Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

5. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

6. COUNCIL UPDATES

7. ADJOURNMENT

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.

MINUTES

Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2025 at 6:02p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker

In Attendance

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

Absent: Fred BRILLIANTE, Dwayne LOTT (HACH)

Board Administrators Present: NONE

Council Member(s) Present: Chris FAW

Planning and Zoning Member(s) Present: NONE

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

Agenda Adoption

**CH: edit to last month's minutes – motion noted November. Amended to reflect JANUARY.

Motion was made to adopt agenda and February Meeting Minutes as prepared by Hannah; Seconded by Mohammed– all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. HACH:

- 1) SHAWN – they haven't had their meeting since last month.
- 2) Art Walk Scholarship application is live now – can apply online.
- 3) All other notes from last month remain current and ongoing.
- 4) JIM – RFP for Stallings roundabout ongoing (transitioned back from RFQ.) anticipate getting the request out in the next month or so in effort to confirm vendor.

B. Public Comment: NONE

Old Business

A. JIM: Parks & Recreation Projects Update:

- 1) Harrisburg Park – Turf Project walk through should happen this week. Tentative April 7th ribbon cutting and trying to coordinate a kickball game between the fire and sheriff's departments. Hopeful to have first games on it mid-April. Already having outside interest in using the fields for tournaments, etc. A lot of planning now that it's done is conceptual, but conversations remain ongoing.
 - i. CHRIS: Is the turf marking customizable? Can it be changed for say the 250 celebration?
 - ii. JIM – great questions! No, we did not install a permanently marked turf with the exception of the Harrisburg branding (H) in the center. It'll have tick marks for 4 soccer fields and one football field.
- 2) New playground equipment additions going in at Harrisburg Park now.

- 3) Historic Pharr Mill Project – TC approved design. Summertime deliverable with a start sometime this Fall – way ahead of estimates .
- 4) Log Cabin at Harris Depot – complete – ribbon cutting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
- 5) Bathroom and shelter will be added to Holcomb Woods.
- 6) Main Street Park design in process – still on going. Nothing new to report there.
- 7) Redoing fields of Harrisburg Elementary (which we should be own this year.
- 8) Currently planning for a dog park at the corner of School and Harris Depot. Renderings will be presented to Lee later this week, along with coordination with fencing company.

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

- 1) Jim met with Rob – he thought the amount requested (\$50K) was steep but liked the idea. He thinks the amount needs to come down to \$15-20K in order to have a stronger chance of it passing TC. Loved the idea of bringing in outside marketing and resources to really ramp up the market in the community.
 - i. CHERLY – we’ll look at the outline we have and see what can be reworked but I think the quoted amount was a fairly accurate of what would be needed to have the marketing and the support organization to get an established market off the ground in the first year.
 - ii. HANNAH – reach out to economic development and utilize their contacts (farmers, support, etc.)
 - iii. MOHAMMED – from the POV of TC, do we want a farmers market? Because a lot of time and effort went into that \$50K estimate and it’s disheartening to hear that it seems like to much of an ask.
 - iv. MICHAH – Can you spread the ask out over the course of 2 years and then, once it’s off the ground, you bring in outside support (ex. Novant or Atrium) and
 - v. JIM – what do you guys want me to do?
 - vi. CHERYL – I like asking for \$30K over two years and utilize the town resources regarding reliable/legitimate vendors and, perhaps, marketing resources.
 - vii. JIM – we really need to zero in on who is handling it long-term because we can’t have an outside vendor manage it the first year and then it falls back on town with the expectation of long-term management. Need to understand long-term management and projected costs. Need to make decisions now because we are in budget season, so these decisions need to be presented in the next few months.

New Business

A. Department Updates –

- 1) JIM - Recreate Magazine – NC recreation, Spring Issue – made a full article on turf installation and the positive impact it’ll have in community.
- 2) SHAWN – games start Saturday! Basketball is wrapping up - recent winter weather has impacted a lot of games. Some rescheduled.
- 3) Magnets will be handled out at events with calendar; special events calendar will go out in water bill this week.
- 4) First event is April 2nd – Hop to the Movie (star
- 5) Art Walk on Main is April 11th – currently have 60+ vendors.
- 6) Run the Burg – Sat. April 25th - currently have over 500 registrants
- 7) Rockin’ the Burg – May is Jimmy Buffet cover, June is a contestant from the Voice (country)

- 8) 4th of July planning is underway – going much larger this year in celebration of the 250th. Change in firework location and vendor. Additional details to come.
- 9) Classes resuming – Tae Kwon Do + Art Classes
- 10) REMINDER - P&RAB openings – Zach eligible for reappointment. Fred, Mohammed and Hannah are terming out. Please reach out to anyone you think would be ideal for the group. Applications open in April.

Advisory Board Updates

- A. Brett – YMCA is busy. Still have people regularly signing up. Programs are bursting. Summer camp is on a waiting list. Hosting several girls’ volleyball teams that’ll play against other Y.

Council Updates

- A. Update from Chris Faw – victims of own success – make sure we’re steering our programs and events to Harrisburg residents. Our numbers and events are fantastic so you’re really all doing a great job.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Hannah Butler and seconded by Brett Crosby.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, March 23, 2026.

Next Meeting: meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6pm in Town Chambers

Chair

Secretary



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Agenda Item Details

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Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



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