



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

**August 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2026

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Youth Sports

B. Department Updates:

- 1) Jim Spina - Parks and Recreation Director
- 2) Shawn Marble - Parks and 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, July 20, 2026 at 6:00p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker

In Attendance

Present: Cheryl BAKER, Zach BOWMAN, Micah CASH, Courtney HAYNES, Suzi Schoonmaker, Jim SPINA, Monty Page

Absent: Brett CROSBY, Kaytlin Thomas, Dwayne LOTT (HACH) Shawn MARBLE

Board Administrators Present: NONE

Council Member(s) Present: La'Trecia GLOVER

Planning and Zoning Member(s) Present: NONE

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

Agenda Adoption

Motion was made to adopt agenda by Cheryl Baker and seconded by Zach Bowman. Motion was made to adopt APRIL Meeting Minutes as prepared by Courtney; Seconded by Cheryl Baker– all in favor.

Motions passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. HACH:

- 1) Jeet is no longer on board but spearheading Multicultural Fest in November
- 2) Readvertising HACH positions due to low numbers. Reach out to P&R for application.

B. Public Comment: NONE

Old Business

A. JIM: Parks & Recreation **Projects Update:**

- 1) Art Roundabout on Stallings – RFP went out and received 10 proposals – varying levels of skill and input (specific to Harrisburg, generalized art, etc.) but a lot of great options to choose from. Discussion has led to possibly 4 projects beyond the roundabout.
- 2) Shamrock & Pharr Mill Art Project – historical Pharr Mill Park: “pocket park” – water access, trails, building for town use (rental space, etc.) see previous month meetings for details. McGill prepping design plan now – estimated
- 3) Harrisburg Park Turf: has been well received, and the feedback has been great since ribbon cutting. The logo is a bit off centered – company is going to update in early August. Field temporarily closed while drying takes place.
- 4) Bathroom and shelter will be added to Holcomb Woods – construction delayed due to permitting – grading should start this week. Completion target is late August, ahead of fall sports.
 - i. SUSIE: While we appreciate the natural mowing project, around the fields and hill is overgrown and the community ended up mowing it.

- ii. JIM: Due to the construction/grading, there wasn't as much done as should have been, but PublicWorks is responsible for the areas you've pointed out. Will touch base with PW and it shouldn't happen again.
- 5) Main Street Park design in process – still on going. Nothing new to report.
- 6) Dog park being installed at School and Harris Depot – funding expanded to make it more “people friendly. To be approved at next Council meeting.
- B. Farmer's Market Sub-Committee Update New Business
 - 1) JIM – while the committee was planning, Cabarrus 4H reached out in an effort to co-op. Since funding is pending, we entertained offer. Currently have 3 farms, baker, flower vendor. It has been a great success thus far – clearly demonstrating the community desire for the market and in location. Great start. Opens the door to request funding from town council
 - i. CHERYL: contacts will be important for growing because participation – willing to assist Mackenzie with cold-calling, etc. to try to drive up vendor numbers.
 - ii. JIM – Mackenzie reports that general farmer feedback is having someone on-site as reference during the market but happy with turnout thus far.
 - iii. ZACH signage – where are they as they have not been seen.
 - a. JIM: small posts along main street – due to town ordinances we can't have a large sign since it could not be permanent. Banners are a great option but would need to come down.
 - iv. ZACH – how are vendors signing up?
 - a. JIM – right now its just word of mouth and social media. Also reaching out to vendors who have been involved previously. Monitoring numbers - vendors want traffic so a few more weeks of monitoring
 - 2) MICAH – for clarity, come the fall, will the subcommittee be pursuing added funding or will this be handled internally by P&R. Proof of concept works – thank you to the team for pushing and jump starting this.
 - i. JIM: correct.

New Business

- A. Election of Officers –
 - 1) MICAH: How do we select? Make nominations or open discussion?
 - 2) JIM: either/or
 - 3) CHERYL: I nominate Zach as Chair, Micah as co-chair and Courtney remain Secretary.
 - i. MOTION for suggested board by Cheryl, Seconded Monty.
 - ii. Any further discussion? NO
 - iii. All in favor? Motions passed unanimously.
- B. Department Updates –
 - 1) Fall sports numbers are slightly down from last year. Will start in August
 - 2) Coach recruitment is ongoing. Jim will be involved with coaches' meetings this year in an effort to help coordinate parent control. There needs to be a philosophical reset. There is going to be a conduct expectation going forward, particularly when it comes to postseason. Proposals will be provided to Rob/Lee – possibly brought to town council for approval.
 - i. LA'TRECIA: It should be. TC needs to know and take possible pushback/blame off this board or parks and rec. It needs to be a town initiative and voted on.

- 3) Discussion of making baseball, softball and lacrosse spring sports with soccer being a fall sport. Will need to see if there's community pushback but we're hoping it will inspire people to try multiple sports.
 - i. LA'TRECIA: build a connection with the high school students to coach so that they can receive their services hours
- 4) Fourth of July Celebration & Parade:
 - i. JIM: Huge success given we had SIX new processes in place for this year. A few security issues, with a 10K influx later – the issues were more behind the scenes, so the general public did not see.
 - ii. Teen issue – started running just to trigger panic.
 - iii. Brainstorming ideas for next year – presale only, having an outside ticketing company handle tickets and entry, we need more from the sheriff's department to ensure safety.
 - iv. Next year the parade will be on the 3rd since it is a Saturday (in consideration of Sunday church obligations).

Advisory Board Updates

A. NONE

Council Updates

- A. Finally at the end of the OneHarrisburg comp plan. Working on making it elementary language so that people can understand what it says and what it lays out.
- B. Assisted 3 local high schools do a Juneteenth celebration – well attended event
- C. Renovations upstairs are starting soon.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Micah and seconded by Courtney.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, July 20, 2026.

Next Meeting: meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 6pm in Town Chambers

Chair

Secretary



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Agenda Item Details

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Suggested Motion or Action:

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Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

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