

MINUTES OF THE HARMON FIELD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Chairman Nelon called the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tryon Town Hall, McCown Room.

Board Members Present: Chairman Stephen Nelon; Vice Chairman Warren Watson; Rick Covil; and Jamie Dunn

Board Members Absent: Secretary-Treasurer Miguel Santibanez

Staff Present: Greg McCool, Tryon Public Works Director; and Meg Rogers, Town Secretary/Cashier

Approve Minutes from May 7, 2024 regular meeting

The Minutes from the May 7, 2024 regular meeting of the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors were reviewed. Watson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting on May 7, 2024 as presented. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Approve Financial Reports for May 2024

The May 2024 Harmon Field financial report was reviewed. According to the report, Harmon Field had received \$506,525.38 (86.90% of its amended annual budgeted revenues for Fiscal Year 2023-2024). Total Operating Expenditures were \$287,070.46 (89.01% of amended annual budgeted expenditures for FY 2023-2024) and Capital Expenditures totaled \$200,143.22 (76.86% of amended annual budgeted expenditures for FY 2023-2024). Total Expenditures were \$487,213.68 (83.59% of amended annual budgeted expenditures for FY 2023-2024).

Dunn made a motion to approve the Harmon Field financial report for May 2024 as presented. Covil seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

BRHJA Donation of Equipment

Corn reported that Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association (BRHJA) owned some PVC jumps, a flatbed trailer and a pole trailer at Harmon Field and the BRHJA representatives wanted to donate those jumps and trailers to Harmon Field. Harmon Field could rent those jumps to horse show organizers for shows at Harmon Field. Watson made a motion to accept the donation of jumps, flatbed trailer and pole trailer from Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association. Covil seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Equestrian Facility Update

Dunn reported that Lewis Pack would be the horseshow organizer for the future multi-day shows at Harmon Field, including the one in October 2024. Dunn recommended beginning the \$550 per show day rental rate for all shows beginning immediately

instead of waiting until 2025 to eliminate the special rate charged for BRHJA horseshows. Dunn recommended that representatives of the Harmon Field Board and staff meet with Mr. Pack to clarify the details of his rentals of the Harmon Field equestrian facility. Dunn asked staff to revise the horseshow contracts to reflect the same \$550 per day charge for all horseshows. Gordon and Public Works Director would meet with Lewis Pack to discuss mutual responsibilities during future events and negotiate rates for facility rental and additional services to present to the Board for approval.

Watson made a motion to adopt the fees for horseshows facility rental to be \$550 per show day for all horseshows and \$500 per horseshow for optional rental of PVC jumps from Harmon Field for the duration of the horseshow. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Park Superintendent's Report

Harmon Field Park Superintendent Gordon was not present but provided a printed report. Public Works Director McCool added comments regarding a few items.

- Weekend part-time employee has been doing a great job, some things needed to be adjusted but overall great. This was her first job.
- Had received applications for second part-time job for shift running from 1 pm to 5 or 6 pm to help keep bathrooms clean after full-time staff leave and provide staff on site later.
- Gordon had met with a contractor for refurbishing the putting green and a contractor to refurbish the field house bathrooms and was waiting for quotes.
- Manzanita/concession stand dining area cover did not have approved inspection yet and inspector wanted an engineer report saying the concrete and the bolts would hold up to high winds. Public Works Director was going to ask Town's engineer to help. McCool reported that Summit Engineering had been contacted to come out and certify the structure.
- Facility rentals were doing great with every weekend about covered.
- Gordon met with YMCA, baseball parents and coaches on May 28, 2024 at Stearn's Gym in Columbus. Parents and coaches were going to try and start their own league. Gordon confirmed to them that Harmon Field was there to help in any way. Gordon planned to meet with them again the second week in June to discuss further.
- Staff had sprayed the track and sidewalks with weed killer
- Staff had started trimming bushes and cleaning up crepe myrtles on the property
- Beach areas at Harmon Field were being used heavily by the public now that it was warm.
- Gordon had consulted with Tryon Interim Police Chief Holt about alcohol use in the park on weekends. These incidents were not rentals with permission.
- Gordon had spoken with several organizations on doing sponsorships with them at Harmon Field. Gordon told them the proposed sponsorships would have to have Town Manager approval and Harmon Field Board of Supervisors approval as well.

- Staff would be picking back up on pressure washing barns after Gordon returned from vacation. After barns staff would move to pressure wash field house bathrooms.
- Reworked soccer nets and moved the goals off the middle field to give it a break
- June events included Thermal Belt Outreach disc golf tournament, Men's Health car show on June 8, and Kirby Cup Soccer Camp the week of June 11.
- Public Works Director McCool and Gordon met with the pesticide inspector on May 30, 2024 and Harmon Field is good. Inspector reported he did not usually have any problems with Harmon Field.
- Concession Stand water heater was leaking and needed to be replaced. Gordon planned to do it using staff to reduce installation cost. Plumber quote to replace was \$1500 plus.
- Staff planned to use small stock pile of dirt behind maintenance building to add to the open-air gym on the school side and work around to the location for the new porch extension. Staff were going to wait to do the new portion when construction was completed.
- Gordon was currently working on a signage chart for Harmon Field. Since July was a month away and staff could update signage and add new where needed. Gordon would present more information on signs and get Board approval for proposed new and replacement signage. Watson commented that the new signs looked good.

Update on Open-Air Gym

Public Works Director McCool presented Harmon Field Superintendent Brad Gordon's report. Gordon's printed report stated that spray foam insulation had been applied to the ceiling in the new area. McCool stated that the contractor intended to do more work in the next week. Staff had tried to contact contractor, Derek, to set a completion date. Watson urged staff to press the contractor to get it done.

Gordon had contacted Spectrum/Charter to move the main line pedestal by the concrete slab again.

Other

Tennis/pickleball courts – Steve King reported that he had relayed Town Manager Fatland's and the Harmon Field Board's recommendation to the pickleball players to do more fundraising themselves. King invited the pickleball players to attend the Harmon Field Board meeting but none came.

New Member appointments -Steve Sloan introduced himself to the Board members. Chairman Nelson had invited him to consider applying to be appointed to the Harmon Field Board. Sloan stated that his children participated in sports at Harmon Field. Rogers provided an application form for Mr. Sloan to fill out and submit to the Town Clerk to be appointed by the Tryon Board of Commissioners, if he chose to do so.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 5:30 pm at Tryon Town Hall, McCown Council Meeting Room.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at by Chairman Nelson at 5:45 pm.

Submitted By:

Approved:

Meg Rogers

**Meg Rogers substituting for
Miguel Santibanez
Secretary-Treasurer**



**WARREN WATSON
Chairman**