

Harmon Field Board of Supervisors
July 7, 2026
Minutes

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Tryon Town Hall with 5 members present

Members Present Warren Watson- Chairman; Jessica Glasscock; Steve Sloan; Jamie Corn Dunn; Rick Covil –Secretary/Treasurer

Members Absent: None

Staff Present Jim Fatland, Town Manager; Brad Gordon, Park Superintendent; Dulcie Juenger, Customer Service

Agenda Adoption: Glasscock made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Sloan nominated Watson, Glasscock seconded the motion. All in favor.

Vice-Chairperson: Covil nominated Glasscock. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Secretary/Treasurer: Covil nominated Dunn. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approve Minutes from June 2, 2026: Covil motioned to approve the June 2, 2026 minutes. Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approve the Financial Reports for May 2026

The Harmon Field Fund FY2025-2026 financial report for May 2026 was reviewed

As of May 31, 2026, Total Revenue was \$401,567.81 (104.52 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Operating Expenditures were \$303,199.31 (80.04 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Capital Expenditures were \$7,870.83 (145.76 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Expenditures were \$311,070.14 (80.96 % of Budgeted Amount), and Ending (pre-audit) Fund Balance was \$185,565.67

Glasscock made a motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Report. Covil seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

Budget Amendment: The FY 2026–2027 Budget shall be amended to reflect the reduction in anticipated funding from Polk County. The original budget included \$45,000 in anticipated county funding; however, Polk County approved and awarded \$25,000. Accordingly, the budget

will be amended to decrease anticipated county revenue by \$20,000, bringing the budgeted amount in line with the actual funding received.

In addition, the Town of Tryon has changed insurance providers for property and liability insurance, resulting in annual savings of approximately \$19,000 for Harmon Field. This reduction in insurance expenses is reflected in the amended FY 2026–2027 Budget. Sloan made a motion to approve the FY26-27 amended budget. Glasscock seconded the motion. All in favor.

2026-2027 Proposed Meeting Dates: Approval of the 2026-2027 meeting dates for the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors: Dunn made a motion to accept the meeting dates. Glasscock seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business:

Dallara Cost of Living Adjustment: Negotiations are still ongoing to increase the annual amount received from Dallara to \$4,000. per year, from \$3,000. per year. Dallara is going to submit this increase request to his foundation board.

Red Wolfe Sculpture: Project has been tabled

Events:

Rotary Club BBQ Festival/Skip Taylor reporting: Tryon Rotary Club would like to partner with Harmon Field to bring back a scaled down version of the BBQ festival. This would be a one-day event held in October with a fall festival theme. Proposed date is October 17 from 12pm-8pm. Event would feature live music, beer garden and a traditional (not sanctioned) BBQ contest. Event is seeking 20-30 cooks from the region. Cooks would set up in “Hog Heaven” on Friday (this area would not open to the public on Friday). Entrance tickets would be a nominal fee, they would like to have 300 attendees in the inaugural year. Rotary would provide the seed money and Harmon Field & Rotary would split the proceeds 50/50. Rotary will seek sponsors and volunteers to support the event.

-Rotary would procure the ABC permit

-Law enforcement will need to be present

-There is minimal power at “Hog Heaven” so cooks will need to bring generators

Covil made a motion to hold the BBQ event and partner with Rotary. Glasscock seconded. All in favor.

Superintendent Report:

See attached

Public comment: Skip Taylor said the Harmon Field staff are doing a phenomenal job with limited resources, the park looks amazing. Chairperson Watson agrees.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

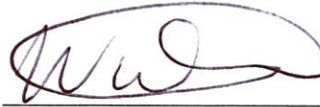
Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the McCown Room at Tryon Town Hall.

Submitted By:



Jamie Corn Dunn
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By:



Warren Watson
Chairman

Attachments:

Attachment A- FY26-27 Budget Amendment

Attachment B- Supervisors Report

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: July 7, 2026

TO: Harmon Field Board of Supervisors

PREPARED BY: Jim Fatland, Town Manager, NCCLGFO, CPFO

SUBJECT: FY25-26 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. Five

BACKGROUND: The Harmon Field Board of Supervisors approved the FY27 Budget on April 7, 2026. The FY27 Budget included a request for \$45,000 from the Polk County Board of Commissioners to supplement lost rental income from Helene Storm damaged and destroyed facilities. The Polk County Board of Commissioners approved \$25,000 for FY27.

The Harmon Field Board amended the MOU with the Dallara Foundation from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for annual maintenance of Dallara Field.

The Town of Tryon has changed insurance providers for Property Liability Insurance that resulted in \$19,000 annual savings for Harmon Field. The new insurance provider is the North Carolina League of Municipalities Risk Insurance Pool.

The following budget amendment is hereby presented for your consideration and approval.

Revenue:

Polk County Commissioners	(\$20,000)
Dallara Foundation	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Revenue	(\$19,000)

Expenditures:

Property, Liability Insurance	<u>(\$19,000)</u>
Total Expenditures	(\$19,000)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve FY27 Harmon Field Budget Amendment

Harmon Field Supervisor's Report

July 2026

Staff and Maintenance Operations

Park staff continues to focus on routine maintenance and ongoing improvement projects throughout Harmon Field. Damon and Brad have maintained mowing operations and general grounds upkeep. Special thanks to Damon for covering additional responsibilities while Brad was on vacation.

Staff would like to thank Josh Connell and the Tryon Fire Department for lending us the old fire engine to water the horse rings, and Chuck Sherbert and the street department for helping water the rings for the June horse show.

Staff is concentrating on completing existing projects before beginning new initiatives. Efforts continue to organize and clean the shop yard, with equipment and materials being relocated to storage containers to improve efficiency and organization.

Both hand dryers in the small restroom building have failed and require replacement. Joe Covil tested the units and confirmed they are no longer operational.

Brad and Damon have been treating weeds throughout the park, including flower beds, tree rings, and walking areas. To minimize public exposure and avoid disrupting park visitors, much of this work is being completed during evening hours.

Field maintenance remains a priority as staff works to improve playing surfaces on the soccer and baseball fields. Current turf management practices include weed control applications, slicing Bermuda grass to encourage new growth, lowering mowing heights, fertilization, and irrigation management. These efforts are intended to promote healthy turf growth and improve overall field conditions.

Upcoming Events: The following events are scheduled at Harmon Field:

- **July 18, 2026 – Makers Market**
- **September 26, 2026 – Flea Market**
 - Staff will mark vendor spaces before the event.
- **October 10, 2026 – Polk County Toy Run**
 - The open-air gym parking lot will be blocked off and cleaned the evening before the event.
- **October 17, 2026 – Tryon BBQ Festival**
 - Event activities will take place in the Hog Heaven and Open Gym areas.
- **April 2027 – Harmon Field Half Marathon and Fun Run**
- **May 8, 2027 – Red Bell Run Car Show**