

**Huron Joint Recreation District
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:30 PM
City Municipal Building, Huron, OH**

Members Present: Tom Solberg, Roger Blevins, Elizabeth Laffay, Matt Greives, Jonathan Merckens, Roger Blevins, Julie Spitzley

Present from HPRD: Doug Steinwart, Brian Croucher

Present from City of Huron: None

Members Absent: Ed Wimmer, Missie Lowery Huntley

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve March 4, 2025, minutes as presented; by Matt Grieves and seconded by Elizabeth Laffay. Approved unanimously.

Audience Comments: None

1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Program Guide – presented by Brian Croucher:** Mr. Croucher handed out a homemade version of the Program Guide as the real guide is at the printer. Program registration starts tomorrow, April 2. This has been promoted thru social media, direct media to the schools, the local newspaper and the City's website. A brief description of the camps and programs was provided. Mr. Steinwart mentioned additional information was included in the Water Bill for this month and thanked the schools for their partnership with the programs.
- b. 2025 Capital Equipment –** Mr. Steinwart – explained the Budget process to the board then reviewed the capital equipment that will be purchased this year. A John Deere, zero turn mower, a John Deere Gator, utility vehicle, and a Ford pick-up truck. Mr. Steinwart explained the uses, needs, and 10-year turnover plan on some equipment. The council approved the new truck at the last Council meeting. Mr. Steinwart explained the Gov Deals program and how they sell some of the equipment they are replacing.
- c. Misc. Parks & Recreation –**
 - i.** Boat Ramp – docks are in as of last week. HPRD has been responsible for maintenance while the state has assisted with the capital projects.
 - ii.** Fabens Park – Pickleball nets are up, batting cages are up, and the bases are out. Huron Baseball and Softball Program contract went into effect today.
 - iii.** Restroom openings – goal is to get these facilities open in the upcoming weeks as the temperatures warm up a bit and stabilize.
 - iv.** HBB – working on a few routine maintenance projects, opening the restrooms downstairs, and preparing a new event sign for the top of the amphitheater. The wood on the swing benches are being replaced and the south side restrooms building will be demolished this spring. The initial intention was to phase this building out 5 years after the marina building opened. The restrooms are no longer in use. Renovation costs were extreme.
 - v.** Agreement was signed with GSP to use Lake Front Park for the Lake Front Market on June 7.
 - vi.** Huron Pier – owned by Army Corp of Engineers will be replacing 1,000 ft of sheet pile from the Show Boat property and north to approximately just past the first couple of steps. There will be an onsite meeting in the next couple of weeks to hopefully gather additional information such as closures, detours, etc. The project could begin sometime mid-July. This

is a \$4M investment in the Huron Pier made by the Army Corp of Engineers. Most of the work will be done from the water.

- vii. Akzo Nobel – a community service project. They will be painting the restrooms at Fabens Park. This will take place sometime at the end of May.
- viii. Theresa Gavarone – there will be a meet and greet in a couple of weeks to discuss the safety and public lighting and potentially other upgrades.
- ix. Mr. Lasko's Last Day will be Friday, April 18. Mr. Hamilton will be the interim City Manager. HPRD has been very appreciative of the work Mr. Lasko has accomplished in his time in Huron. He has been very supportive of this department.
- x. The HBB is in the process of hiring their seasonal help. Soliciting, applying, interviewing, and welcoming them aboard is a time-consuming process.
- xi. Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt is coming up on Sat., April 12. Thank you to the Lion's Club for their partnership.
- xii. City Wide Clean Up – Sat. May 3 from 9-11 AM meeting at the Parks Office at 110 Wall Street
- xiii. Equipment is ready and Parks Maintenance is ready to begin cutting grass and continue with all of the maintenance the parks require.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Solberg announced the next meeting to be Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS – ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Julie Spitzley; second by Matt Grieves

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kilbury