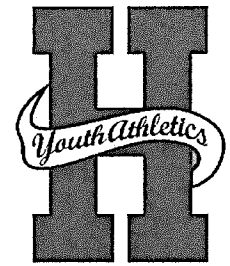


**MEETING MINUTES**  
**HARRISBURG YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2023**  
**7:15 PM HARRISBURG PARK OFFICE**



- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM
- ROLL CALL:** The following members of the HYA Board were physically present: Blake Emery, Evan Denbow, Kyle Harbison, Brad Karnes, and Lacey Upchurch.
- HYA Board Members Absent: Matt Lewis and Lyndis Apple  
Visitors Present: Ron Emery and TA Sullivan
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no written comments received and there was no one from the public present with a comment.
- SPECIAL BUSINESS:**
- Future of HYA
- Blake Emery asked Park Board Member Ron Emery and Park Maintenance Director TA Sullivan to attend the meeting to discuss the Pros and Cons of the Park District running the Recreation Sports Programs.
- TA Sullivan prepared and distributed a list of tasks the Park Maintenance Department does to maintain and prepare the ball fields. Everyone agreed that our Park Maintenance does an excellent job of preparing and maintaining the fields and they see no issue with that in the future.
- Blake Emery presented the administrative tasks performed by the Park Office to support HYA programs. Everyone agreed that our Park Office does an excellent job of administration and they see no issue with that in the future.
- Ron Emery presented the background of HYA and what was seen as the purpose/long term plan. He went into much detail explaining how HYA functioned in the beginning vs where it is now. He explained the plan that he and Mike Williams always had was to get HYA fully into the park recreation program once it was established and financially stable. This would ensure that the program continues and functions as a park program and not dependent on a volunteer HYA Board.
- Evan Denbow asked the question about what if future park boards did not support the park being in control of activities and recreation programming like is being currently explored. Blake Emery explained that the Park District mission supports recreational programming and moving the HYA program into the park would be a big step towards the park developing and implementing a new stronger commitment towards recreational programming. If future Park Board Members did not support this view, they would be going against the Mission of the Park District.
- Next Steps?
- Ron Emery and TA Sullivan left the meeting at this point and HYA Board Members continued to discuss what the next step should be. The following potential outcomes were discussed: 1) Dissolve HYA and support the park running the recreation baseball/softball and flag football programs; 2) Ask the park to keep things exactly how they are; 3) Support the park running the recreation baseball/softball and flag football programs and HYA focus on separate travel teams only; 4) Support the park running the recreation baseball/softball and flag football programs and HYA stay as an organization with a redefined mission to serve as a fundraising organization with the purpose to give back to local youth sports programs in Harrisburg. Evan Denbow made the motion to table this topic until the November meeting and seconded by Kyle Harbison. All in favor 5-0 per voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Evan Denbow made the motion to accept the September 2023 meeting minutes and seconded by Brad Karnes. All in favor 5-0 per voice vote.

**CLOSED SESSION:** There was no motion to enter into Closed Session.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Financial Review** Blake Emery went over all the receipts and expenses for September 2023. Account Balance at the end of September was \$29,288.08.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Projects** Blake Emery presented that previously approved projects include \$15,000 towards light pole replacement at Gaskins City and an undetermined amount towards planting trees at Gaskins City. Dependent upon the decision of how to move forward with HYA, these project could be used as currently designated or re-evaluated.

**2023 Baseball/Softball** Blake Emery opened up for any comments or discussion regarding the 2023 season. There was nothing discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Flag Football** Blake Emery opened up for any comments or discussion regarding the 2023 season. Referee attendance has been a problem again this season. Potential rule changes to evaluate for next season include the Fumble Rule, Safety Rule, and Blitz Rule.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Blake Emery announced that the next regular board meeting is scheduled to be November 5, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the Park Office Community Room.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
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Kyle Harbison, Secretary

11-5-23  
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Date Signed