Harmon Field Board of Supervisors
October 6, 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; Rick Covil
Jamie Corn Dunn—Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Sloan

Members Absent: None

Staff Present Jim Fatland, Town Manager; Chuck Sherbert Street Supervisor
Dulcie Juenger, Customer Service

Agenda Adoption: Glasscock made a motion to adopt the November 3 agenda. Corn-Dunn seconded the motion.

Approve Minutes from September 1, 2026: Covil made a motion to adopt the September 1 minutes. Glasscock seconded the motion.

Approve the Financial Reports for August 2026
The Harmon Field Fund FY2026-2027 financial report for August 2026 was reviewed

As of August 31, 2026, Total Revenue was $166,639.49 (52.96 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Operating Expenditures were $60,628.63 (19.60% of Budgeted Amount), Total Capital Expenditures were $1,336.14 (25 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Expenditures were $61,964.77 (19.69 % of Budgeted Amount), and Ending (pre-audit) Fund Balance was $199,742.72

Manager Fatland reported that he is sending out the invoice to Polk County for $25,000. In agreed-upon funding, in addition, he is sending an invoice to The Dallara Foundation for an additional $1,000. for the baseball park.

Sloan made a motion to accept the financials as submitted. Glasscock seconded the motion. All in favor.

Open Air Gym Update:
Manager Fatland reporting: he prefaced the open-air gym discussion with the announcement that Brad Gordon has stepped down as Park Superintendent and has taken a position with Rostan Solutions. Manager Fatland introduced Chuck Sherbert to the board; Sherbert supervises the

Streets and Sanitation Departments for the town and will oversee the two employees at Harmon Field.

As per the report from Brad Gordon, C&E Construction has completed the demolition and framing work at the open-air gym. Becker Electric has completed the rough-in electrical work, and they are waiting on the inspection from the county, once the inspection is complete, C&E will proceed with insulation and the required inspections. The plumber has a few remaining punch list items and will be ready for inspection soon.
Chuck Sherbert will provide a progress report at the November meeting.

The board had a general discussion about the open-air gym project. Chairman Watson had a question regarding the indoor seating capacity and would like a better understanding of the floor plan and would like to see a sketch of the space. The board would like a timeline for job completion. Manager Fatland would like to begin marketing the space as soon as possible.

Supervisor Report: See Attached

Other:

Park Vegetation and Maintenance

The Board discussed vegetation management throughout the park. The rain garden near the open-air gym appears overgrown, and the Board requested guidance on appropriate maintenance and trimming. Members also expressed concern about vegetation along the riverbank and the need to identify native and invasive species and improve the area's overall appearance. Chairman Watson emphasized the importance of managing overgrown areas and ensuring the lungeing ring is mowed.

Dallara Foundation – Annual Maintenance Fee

Manager Fatland and Chairman Watson met with representatives of the Dallara Foundation to discuss the proposed increase in the annual maintenance fee. The Foundation expressed concern about increasing costs given the limited use of the ball field and indicated an interest in seeing greater utilization of the park. The Foundation suggested exploring opportunities to host a traveling youth baseball league. The Board noted that Polk County youth baseball teams currently play at the middle school, where field use is provided at no cost. Potential options discussed included securing sponsors to offset field fees and hosting a baseball clinic to generate interest and encourage increased use of the facility.

Rotary Club Donation

Glasscock reported that the Rotary Club had donated a lost-and-found box, which has been installed near the Little Free Library adjacent to the playground. She recommended that the Board send a letter of appreciation along with the appropriate donor acknowledgment form.

Pacolet River – Fallen Trees

The Board discussed several trees that have fallen into the Pacolet River near the recently installed riverside walkway. The trees originate from the neighboring property across the river. The Board expressed a desire to address the fallen trees and noted that Harmon Field will need to consult with the appropriate North Carolina agencies to determine the applicable requirements and scope of work before proceeding with removal.

Public Comment:

Frankie Cochran: Mr. Cochran, who manages the public address (PA) and sound systems for area horse shows, explained that the PA horns currently located at the park are his personal property. He requested permission to remove and reinstall the equipment as needed. The Board agreed that Mr. Cochran may manage and handle his equipment as necessary.

Greg Miner: Mr. Miner complimented the park and its progress over the past year. He recommended that the Board contact the Polk County Appearance Commission (PCAC) regarding its matching grant opportunities. Mr. Miner suggested pursuing grant funding to plant additional trees throughout the park and also recommended exploring the PCAC's kudzu control grant program to assist with invasive species management.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 3, 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- Supervisors Report

Harmon Field Supervisor Report

Field and Facility Operations

- Harmon Field staff continue to work with C&E Construction on the Open-Air Gym project. The project is progressing, with inspections being the primary remaining items affecting completion.
- Staff have been working to clean and prepare all buildings and surrounding areas for the upcoming winter season.
- Beginning October 5, staff will transition to the fall/winter work schedule and report to work at 7:30 a.m. through March 29.

Open Air Gym Project

- C&E Construction: Framing and demolition work has been completed. C&E has also constructed a shelf for the water heater and relocated the middle porch post since doors will no longer be installed on the porch.
- Becker Electric: The rough-in electrical work has been completed and is awaiting inspection. Once the electrical inspection is completed, C&E will proceed with insulation and the required inspection.
- Plumbing: The plumber has a few remaining items to complete and should be ready for inspection soon.

Events

September 26 Flea Market

The September 26 flea market was another successful event. Staff received several positive comments and reviews from vendors. Attendees also enjoyed the entertainment provided by Aaron Green.

Polk County Toy Run

The Polk County Toy Run is scheduled for October 10. Staff members Damon and Jeff are aware of the event requirements and will ensure the necessary items are set out and the facility is prepared.

BBQ Fest

The BBQ Fest has been postponed until spring. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the committee determined that postponing the event would provide additional time for proper planning and preparation.