



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 17, 2019

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ron De Valois, Mark Wohlrab, Nick Laninga

Staff Present: Mayor Korthuis, Mike Martin, Vern Meenderinck, Nancy Norris

2. Action Items:

A. **Approval of minutes from May 20, 2019**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, Wohlrab seconded the motion.

Action: The minutes from May 2019, 2019 were approved

B. **Approve use of Cap. Reserve funds for Berth. \$200,000 to build a new restroom, and approx. \$30-35,000. to remove the old restroom.**

Parks Committee approved the use of Cap. Reserve Funds for the demolition and construction of the first set of restrooms at Berthusen Park. Construction would take place in October 2019 after the facility rental season has come to an end.

C. **Approve adjustment in rent for June for the Concessionaire.** The Bender Concessionaire asked if her lease of \$200 for the month of June could be reduced, citing over half the month there is very little field use.

Action: Wohlrab motioned to reduce the fees for the concession lease for the month of June to half (\$100). Laninga and DeValois concurred.

3. Information items:

A. **Discussion regarding future YMCA plans**

In 2018 Bill Ziels Director of the YMCA presented to the Parks Committee a proposal report and plan to renovate the Lynden YMCA. The report estimated the cost to be an approx. \$8 million renovation project at the existing location. It was noted to build a brand new YMCA at another location would cost approximately \$30 million.

The City was going to reach out to the Rec. District and Schools regarding upcoming bonds, large community project and funding resources.

Today's phone conference with Bill Ziels (Whatcom County YMCA Director) focused on how other YMCA's in other communities funded a new YMCA facility. The communities of Stanwood and Skagit were used as an example, both facilities were funded with Private Donations, State Funds, and the YMCA, no public funds were used.

The question on the table "would the funding of a new YMCA or renovating the current YMCA come from the use of Public funds (comes with limitations) or funded by the YMCA?"



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Parks Committee agreed a funding plan is needed from the YMCA, to be able to move forward.

B. Glenning street property purchase agreement

The Glenning street playground purchase and sale agreement will go to City Council June 17, 2019 for approval.

C. Rec. District bond issue

The Rec District Bond Resolution was passed on June 12, 2019
Attached is the list of promotion committee members. Ryan Van Driel offered to chair the committee and Gretchen Roorda will serve as Treasurer.
Parks Committee had no other thoughts/ideas/suggestions

D. Rotary project

A Conceptual drawing is attached. Over \$150,000 raised so far
Permits may be a hold up the construction of the project for this year. The goal was to begin construction in July of this year.
If additional funds are raised, the project will include pickle ball courts and sand volleyball.

4. Items added:

A. Dogs at Berthusen

Lynden PD will be the responding agent. Mike, Vern, Nancy and Chief Billester will meet to discuss the plan of action. Mayor Korhuis will contact the Gentry's with the action plan the City is taking regarding dogs off leash at Berthusen Park.

Next meeting: July 15, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10pm.