



PARKS COMMITTEEMINUTES

October 19, 2020

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; Ron DeValois, Nick Laninga

Members Absent with notice: Mark Wohrab

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Martin; Parks Director Vern Meenderinck and Park Administrative Assist. Nancy Norris

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- Sept. 21, 2020**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, and Laninga approved the motion.

Action: *The Parks Committee Minutes from September 21, 2020 were approved.*

B. **Request from Tim Broersma to purchase a parcel of the Dickinson property.**

(Hope to have documents by meeting time)

Mr. Broersma lives at 8294 Double Ditch Rd. next to the Dickinson property, he has been helping Mr. Dickinson with maintaining the lawn and bushes that abut his property for years. Mr. Broersma is interested in purchasing this small portion of unbuildable property to incorporate it into his landscape plans for his property.

Action: *Parks Committee would like to look at this parcel, and the conditions included with the Dickinson property.*

C. **Forward the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City and Whatcom County Parks to full council for approval.**

This agreement states the County will provide funding to the City to assist with the provisions of Senior Services at the Lynden Community Center.

Action: *Parks Committee recommends full council approval of this Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City and Whatcom County Parks.*

D. **Master Plan updates and approval of costs relating to acquisition and development-Set desired Level of Service. -Dave Timmer**

City Planner Dave Timmer shared the Calculations of the City's Level of Service.

Action: *After reviewing the LOS calculations Parks Committee agreed to keep the Level of Services at 7acres/1000 residents.*



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Timmer asked the Committee for direction on Capital Improvements.

Action: Parks Committee would like to the define the dollar amount specifically per Park. Timmer and Meenderinck and Mayor Korthuis will define the dollar amounts and finalize the master plan for approval, by the November Parks Committee meeting.

Parks Committee stated they would like to increase the Park Impact fees. City Administrator Martin noted it is too late to complete the process of changing the park impact fees this year and asked Vern to include updating the park impact fees in the 2021 park workplan.

E. Recommendation of hours for lights at the Rotary park for winter hours.

A few neighbors have asked if the lights could be dimmed earlier during the winter months suggesting 8pm.

Action: Parks Committee suggested having an on and off switch with an automatic 9pm-10pm turn off during the winter months.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Discussion of possible funding sources for the Recreation Center for needed improvements.

The future tenants of the Recreation Center are looking to improve the interior and structure of the building. Park Committee discussed funding options for building improvements. More discussion will take place pending the needs versus wants by the tenant.

B. Art wall progress- No update

C. Berthusen Restroom report:

- Tiger Construction began work on the project Monday Sept. 12
- Restroom delivery scheduled for the October 29, 2020

D. Trail Grant update

Does not look promising, there will be further information after the election.



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4. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Noise Ordinance

Parks Committee reviewed the Nuisance email from Carmichael's office.

Action: Parks Committee would like Carmichael to develop a strict Noise Ordinance that address vulgar language, harassment, and music volume within Parks.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:18pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Parks Committee: Nov. 16, 2020

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