



## PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4: 00 PM. Sept. 16, 2019

### 1. Roll Call

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

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

**Others Present:** Nicki Turner City Council Candidate

### 2. Action Items:

#### A. **Approval of minutes from August 20, 2019**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, Laninga seconded the motion. **Action**  
***The Minutes from August 20, 2019 were approved.***

#### B. **YMCA lease addendum**

The YMCA lease dated Feb. 18, 1997 is automatically renewed each year unless a 120-day notice is given to terminate the lease. The YMCA agreed to pay \$50,000 as its share in the cost of resurfacing the pool, which has now been completed. In consideration of the mutual promises the parties have agreed to amend the lease to reimburse the YMCA a pro-rated amount of their share of the construction costs if the lease is terminated early.

#### **Action**

***Parks Committee reviewed the YMCA lease addendum, recommending Full City Council approval.***

#### C. **Million Smiles security options.**

a. **Ordinance for park hours (this is a must)- LP Officer Matt Torok**

b. **Lighting costs- \$1,523-Robert Patrick City Electrician**

c. **Motion camera's- \$6,530-Robert Patrick**

d. **Trail camera's -\$1,200-1,500-Mark Wohlrab**

Officer Torok also recommended the need to find out requirements for public disclosure requirements.

The Committee discussed and reviewed the security options listed.

#### **Action**

***Councilor Wohlrab Motioned: The Parks Dept. identify park areas needing security lighting and to purchase LED motion lights as a deterrent to criminal activity before it happens. Laninga seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).***

***Councilor Laninga Motioned: The City Attorney write a Park Hours Ordinance. Wohlrab seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0)***



### 3. Information items:

#### A. **Splash Fest- a huge success. Thank Mark W and the Fire Dept.**

This event was well attended, and those who participated mentioned how they would love to see this take place again. Councilor Wohlrab would like propose to offer this event happen on a weekly basis during the summer months.

#### Action

***Wohlrab will prepare a proposal, for offering a weekly Splash event for the 2020 summer months.***

#### B. **Lynden Watch re: million smiles/reward amount raised to \$1,000 by Local citizens.** For Information only

This was discussed along with security option under Action Item C.

#### C. **Management letter regarding Parks Department from state auditor's report included** Parks is implementing new procedures to reconcile the Auditors findings.

#### D. **Pump track ideas- Kevin Rus will be attending our next meeting in Oct.to present ideas on what it the pump track might look like.**

Vern has met with Kevin and the Pump Track Community that Kevin is associated with. This group is excited to build a pump track in coordination with the rotary project. The Pump Track Community will be funding this project, as long as they stay 150ft. from the creek, no other project site study's and permits will be needed since they have been done for this area already for the Rotary project.

#### E. **Rotary project- boulder concrete bases installed.**

The boulders are to arrive and be installed next week. LTI is transporting the boulders from Colorado, they will be installed by Bode's Precast. Honcoop Gravel, Dekoster Excavating, and Stremler Gravel will be working together on excavating the sports courts. The project is developing quickly. Lighting and sports equipment have arrived.

### 4. Items added:

#### A. **Community Art Wall**

Councilor Wohlrab has done some research on the success of Community Art Walls in other towns and how its help eliminates graffiti problems in communities. Councilor Wohlrab asked the Parks Committee if he could write up a proposal to have an Art Wall at City Park.

#### Action

***Parks Committee agreed for Councilor Wohlrab to write up a proposal for a Community Art Wall.***

#### B. **Berthusen Animal Control Enforcement**

Councilor DeValois asked for an update of Animal Control Enforcement at Berthusen. Nancy reported Lynden's Animal Control Officer Johal has been visiting Berthusen Park on a regular basis and has spoken with a number of park visitors who have their dogs on or off leash. Officer Johal's presence is appreciated.

**Meeting Adjourned 4:44pm**

**Next meeting: October 21, 2019**