



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 20, 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: Riley Sweeney City of Ferndale Communication Officer

2. Action Items:

A. **Approval of minutes from July 15, 2019**

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

Action: The minutes from July 15, 2019, were approved.

B. **What should be the path forward on YMCA repair/additions/rebuild**

What should our next steps be? Mayor Korthuis is in contact with the YMCA Board of Directors. DeValois will ask Public Works Committee to add the YMCA to their Committee Agenda.

C. **Berthusen Restrooms- Move budgeted funds from 2019 to 2020**

All the necessary permits will not be ready to start the construction of the new restrooms October 2019. The 2019 budgeted funds for the new restrooms at Berthusen Park will be moved to the 2020 budget.

D. **Million Smiles vandalism. Plans for actions/camera's/lighting???**

Riley Sweeney- Ferndale- Ideas etc.

Mr. Sweeny is the City of Ferndale's Communication Officer, he shared a few ideas to help curb the vandalism that has been occurring at the Parks especially at the Million Smiles playground. Mr. Sweeny suggested retelling the story of how the playground was built 15 years ago and get today's kids involved in a cleanup project to better the playground. Another suggestion is to build an art wall where anyone can paint on this wall.

Action: Parks Committee would like to see trail camera's put in place. Parks Committee recommends Vern speak with the Police Department to see if he has any recommendations as to where to locate the cameras and what the disciplinary action can be.

E. **Fire hydrant spray day-**

Mark was given the go ahead to organize a volunteer fire hydrant spray day at the Glenning St. property on Labor Day September 2, 2019.



3. Information items:

- A. Bender Restrooms/ upgrades counter tops/sinks etc. and Paint the floors.** The Bender south end restrooms need some upgrades; this upgrade will be put on the winter project list.
- B. Lynden Watch re: million smiles/\$500 reward by a citizen.**
To help deter vandalism, a community citizen put up a \$500 reward, hoping it would lead to an arrest.
- C. 2020 budget thoughts/ideas/additions?**
With the extension of the Trail, using a push blower to clean the miles of trails is not adequate and not very cost effective. Vern asked to remove the purchase of a new top dresser from the 2020 budget and purchase a sweeper attachment for the trails in its place.
- D. Promo committee report on the Rec. District bond.**
The Promo Committee is up and going, they will be pounding the pavement and asking the community to support this bond here within the next few months.
- E. Rotary project- Almost \$200,000 of the \$250,000 already raised.**
The community seems really excited about this new project and the donations keep coming in.

4. Items added

- A. Tree Roots lifting the Jim Kaemingk Trail –** Public Works looking to see if they can repair the areas of concern by grinding the lifted blacktop.
- B. The Development Status of the Heusinkveld Barn-** Until there is a Park plan for Benson Park no further development is planned for the barn.

Next meeting: September 16, 2019
Meeting Adjourned 5:05pm.