



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 16, 2022

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors Ron DeValois; and Nick Laninga

Staff Present: City Administrator John Williams; Parks Director Brent DeRuyter; Parks Admin. Assistant Nancy Norris, and Planning Director Heidi Gudde

Guest: Bob Johnson Park and Rec. District Commissioner

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- April 18, 2022**

DeValois motioned to approve the April 18, 2022, minutes Laninga approved the motion.

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from April 18, 2022, were approved.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Pepin Creek Trail Discussion(continued) – Planning Director visiting in person
Planning Director Gudde presented exhibits of how the trail will meander through the Pepin Creek Development the pros and cons of the trail.

B. Updates on Parks projects

- **Benson Park**
Exploratory committee continues to meet to get costs for a turf complex
Annexation for the property is in process.
The barn study seems to be in a stalemate until further documents completed.
- **Dickinson**
Classes from LC completed planting work on the creek bank
Recommendation to reach out to Reichhardt & Ebe about a shelter built near the south end of the parking area.
- **Staff Report**
2 employees have turned in their 2-week notice to start their own businesses and applications are being collected hope to have 2 new full-time workers hired mid-June, if not sooner.
- **Berthusen Park**



Trail improvement project in motion for the last weekend in May and then again, this Fall.

- C. Park and Trail Advisory Committee Members notified and meet in late May**
-Recommendations for the replacement of two committee members

4. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Request to change meeting date due to family vacation

Parks Committee agreed to change the June 20th meeting to June 27 at 4pm.

B. City Park Sign- Lynden Door is looking at making a new sign through their community involvement project program.

C. Increase of Vandalism at Bender and City Park working on adding additional cameras and locking restrooms earlier.

D. Dog Park improvement- Sonlight Church is offering to give back to the Parks Dept. a new gate and improvement are need at the dog park that they are willing to assist with.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 27, 2022