



### PARKS COMMITTEE AGENDA

4: 00 PM. Nov. 18, 2019

1. **Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors, Ron DeValois, Nick Laninga, and Brent Lensen

Members Absent:

Councilor, Mark Wohlrab with notice

Staff Present:

Parks Director Vern Meenderinck; and Admin, Assistant Nancy Norris

2. **Action Items:**

A. **Approval of minutes from Oct. 21, 2019**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, Laninga seconded the motion

**Action:**

***The Minutes from October 21, 2019 were approved.***

B. **Response to proposed road thru Benson Property**

Parks Committee reviewed and discussed the latest draft plan for Pepin Creek Development.

Parks Committee does not support this plan for the park development. It was the wishes and agreement with the Heusinkveld's the property not be turned into a housing development, and to retain 40 acres for park and recreation and the park property is to abut Pepin Creek. The proposed road thru the park property is *Not* supported at all.

**Action:**

***Parks Committee adamantly opposes the latest proposed plan for Pepin Creek. Parks Committee stands firm, that at this time the whole 40 acres be retained for Park and Recreation development only, and NO thru arterial road be allowed to go thru the Park property.***

C. **Bond issue projects:**

Benson Park:

Need to start making solid plans for the Benson property Road, parking, water, sewer, restrooms. Parks Committee is in agreement that the bond money for Benson Park be put towards a visible project.

Dickinson Park:

Trail connection and Bridges is the focus for Dickinson Park. Currently blackberry vines have been cleared in the area that a bridge would cross Fish Trap Creek.

**Action:**

***Parks Committee approved to develop the Heusinkveld Barn and restrooms.***

***The mayor will request the use of water and sewer funds, for the water and sewer connections for the development of Benson Park.***



### 3. Information items:

#### A. **Rotary project:**

Making great progress:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> boulder should arrive next week (11/25/19)
- All the sod was laid with the help of the LHS Football Team this was accomplished in a few hours.
- Tree mitigation completed with the help of LHS Ag. Students and ALCOA approximately 200 volunteers planted over 1000 trees and shrubs planted in a few hours.
- The Blacktop has been postponed until next spring

#### B. **Impact Fees:**

Continue looking at what impact fees for parks should look like for budgeting next year. Currently our Park impact fees are approximately \$1000 less than other comparable City's.

#### C. **Art wall report:**

No Report

#### D. **Pump track report:**

Kevin Rus will attend a council meeting in December.

#### E. **Park camera's:**

Cameras have been ordered

#### F. **Berthusen Restrooms:**

Public Works is moving forward with R&E taking the lead on getting permits, ordering, and finding contractors. They Hope to be finished by early spring??

### 4. Items added:

#### **Lynden Jim Park:**

Bob Libolt called the Park Office and asked if it is the desire of the Parks Dept. to keep the small building out at Lynden Jim Park that is used as the Contractors office for any specific purpose.

#### **Action:**

***Parks Committee sees no use for the building, recommending Libolt remove the building as he sees fit.***

#### ***Rec. District Bond Promotional Committee:***

***Parks Committee would like to thank and congratulate the Rec. District Bond Promotional Committee in their dedication and success on passing the Bond.***

Meeting Adjourned at 4:44pm.

**Next meeting: December 16, 2019**