



PARKS AND REC. DISTRICT COMBINATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

June 15, 2020

1. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Rec. District Commissioners: Ron Van Soest, Rick Lair, Harvey Pelleboer, T.J. Timmermans, and Bob Johnson

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

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes from May 18, 2020**

De Valois motioned to approve the minutes, and Laninga seconded the motion, Wohlrab concurred.

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from May 18, 2020 were approved.

B. **Pickleball Courts League/usage/sign wordage etc. Bobby Welch**

Bobby Welch contacted the parks office with interest in starting a pickleball league. Mr. Welch who lives in Lynden plays in the Bellingham League. The Bellingham Parks are closed through August 31, the intent by the Bellingham club is to move their league to the newly built courts here in Lynden once they are open. Mr. Welch's concern is if that happens the Lynden pickleball citizen will not be able to use the courts that were built for the Lynden Community.

Action: The Mayor will speak with the Rotary President and Board as to what the Rotary's Vision of use for all the new sports courts in the Rotary Park.

C. **Benson Barn report and proposal- direction forward?**

A Pest inspection was done on the barn. The Barn is infested with beetles and ants it is recommended the barn be sprayed to kill off and remaining insects.

The structural engineer has assigned a 50% structural value to the existing timber. The engineer is proposing a glulam frame to be installed 12' o.c. under the existing roof structure to significantly reduce the loads on the existing roof to make it comply.

Action: Parks Committee reviewed the report and would like to receive the preliminary cost estimate before deciding to move forward.

D. **Tractor Club lease amendment**

The Tractor Club agreed for the City to take over the Club's water service with Berthusen Water Association. The City will supply the showgrounds with water at no cost to the Club.

Action: Parks Committee approved this amendment to the Tractor Club's Lease and recommends full approval by Council.

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3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. **Rec. District updates, discussion of future plans/projects etc.**

Bond monies have been received.

Re-affirm payments to the City in \$500,000 increments. The first \$500,000 will be split between the Benson Park Barn engineering, Dickenson Park Trail, and Glenning St. purchase.

The Rec. District agrees with the payout of \$500,000 increments.

B. **Berthusen Restroom report on progress- permit status**

The County has accepted the permit application. Currently we are waiting on the Shoreline permit, which is needed to go any further. The building is scheduled to arrive in October 2020.

C. **Berthusen Traffic Count**

With the noticeable increase of facility rentals and visitors using Berthusen Park. The Berthusen Advisory had asked for a traffic count. After collecting data for two-weeks, the traffic count showed there is approx. 200 vehicles per day entering the Park.

D. **Pump track plans**

Kevin Rus self-appointed pump track coordinator has posted a sign out by the dirt mounds. The sign shows the designed plan and fundraising goals and how to donate to this volunteer driven project. The dirt mounds are being well used; the volunteers hope to turn the mounds into more of a temporary dirt track.

E. **League games**

Leagues would be allowed to play games, starting in phase 3 (less than 50 people per field). It will be up to the league to monitor the social distancing. Currently there are no bases or goals out on the fields. People are using the fields for practice, and it seems like the teams/groups are figuring out how to practice social distancing per the guidelines.

4. ITEMS ADDED:

A. **Art Wall Crux**

Councilman Wohlrab will be contacting Crux Construction to ask if they are still willing to donate an art wall.

Adjourned 5:50pm.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Parks Committee: July 20, 2020

Rec. District: July 8, 2020