



## PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2023

### 1. ROLL CALL:

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

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

### 2. ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- January 17, 2023

Laninga motioned to approve the January 17, 2023, minutes Wohlrab approved the motion.

**Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from January 17, 2023, were approved.**

#### B. Approval of LYS Service Agreement

The Parks Committee reviewed and discussed the LYS Service Agreement. This agreement allows staff time in working with Lynden Youth Sports Coordinators with developing game schedules and coordinating the use of city fields and facilities.

**Action: The Parks Committee recommends to Council the Approval of the LYS Service Agreement.**

### 3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

#### A. SHKS Information on the Benson Barn Project

Bi-weekly check-in Update—Project Numbers and Project Description Given. Site work has continued with soil testing this past week. Staff has met and is making comments/recommendations moving forward.

Parks Committee reviewed the Project Numbers and Description a video will be sent out for review. Parks Committee would like to see the Barn meet safety requirements to be used as an open-air facility and look at having prefab restrooms nearby.

#### B. Updates on Parks and Trails projects

##### **Benson Park**

Draft of Master Plan revisions are coming from SCJ Alliance with more phasing and pricing elements - The city will meet with the Benson Park Turf Complex



Committee by the end of the month.

Bridge “pre-drilling” and windmill renovations are continuing.

### **Schoolyard**

Fence and Backstop Removal complete and many items are being put into surplus or sold.

Community momentum seems to be moving to add amenities.

Staff and possible volunteers are preparing for site groundwork. Will be meeting with engineers from Reichhardt & Ebe regarding parking and sidewalk plans.

Dates have been set for meeting with Sumas and Bellingham regarding a potential spray park.

### **Berthusen Park**

Gate site preparation is complete, and installation should be completed as soon as necessary parts/equipment arrive.

### **Trails**

Progress is steady in preparation for the Depot to 8<sup>th</sup> St section.

#### **C. Budget Updates**

Used dump truck has been purchased and is in the fleet.

#### **D. Civic Plus**

Training dates are scheduled for the coming couple of months for use this spring (goal is May 23 for site launch)

#### **E. New Staff Update**

Beginning the process of hiring one new seasonal employee, three are returning. The new additional fulltime Parks Maintenance Employee is off to a great start.

#### **4. ITEMS ADDED**

##### **A. Park Signage and Interactive Trail Maps.**

Parks Committee would like to see the Park sign reinstalled at City Park. There are mixed suggestions whether to keep the pillars or not. Patterson, Greenfield, and Lynden Jim all need signs.

Another suggestion is to have Interactive Trail Maps showing where you are, trail sidewalk connection and distance points etc....

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:58pm.**

**NEXT MEETING-Monday, March 20, 2023**