



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES March 16, 2020

1. **Roll Call:**

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

Members Absent: Nick Laninga

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

2. **Action Items:**

A. **Approval of minutes from Feb. 18, 2020 Approved**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, Wohlrab concurred.

Action:

The Parks Committee Minutes from February 18, 2020 were approved.

B. **Maintenance Supervisor Position**

Request to reinstate the position for a Maintenance Supervisor. This position was left vacant in 2007. The acreage of park property has doubled in size and not enough staff to keep up with the growth.

Action:

After reviewing the draft copy of job of the description Parks Committee agreed to reinstate the position of the Maintenance Supervisor and will recommend for council approval.

C. **Benson Land lease**

There has been one (1) bid received-from Edaleen Dairy at \$215 an acre for a 5-year lease.

Will be removing the west 150ft of the property from the lease so we can begin planting trees. (That will amount to approx. 4.5 acres of the 33 acres available)

Action:

Parks Committee agreed to lease 28acres to Edaleen Dairy.

D. **Benson Road house lease**

Current renter will be moving at the beginning of April, 2020.

Sent email to city employees first to see if anyone is interested

If no city employee is interested, how do we want to proceed and what should we be charging for rent (realizing that the renters must also pay lease hold excise tax.

Currently there is a City Employee who is interested in renting the house. The employee would like to take a look inside the house before making a decision.

Action:

Parks Committee recommends advertising the house to the public, if no City employee chooses not to rent the house.



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3. Information items:

A. **Tim Faber- Feasibility study for Benson barn**

Have initial drawings of the barn that they will use in their assessment; that has been delayed for 4-6 weeks.

B. **Pump track update**

In the process of fund raising; but taking longer than anticipated.

C. **Combination Meeting**

Reminder of the combination meeting with the School District, Rec. District and council scheduled for Mar 23 at 7:00PM. **Has been Canceled due to Covid-19**

D. **Rec. District**

The Rec District has agreed to meet with the Parks committee for the next few months. Requested setting Parks meetings a little later, and switching meetings between Parks meetings and Rec. meetings.

Next combo meeting will be April 20 at 5:00 PM rather than 4:00

E. **Rotary project update:**

Hope to start work again in April (weather permitting)

Have continued fund raising to make up for the shortage

Making progress and have raised almost ½ of the amount needed to finish the project

F. **Art wall progress?**

No update at this time.

4. Items added:

A. **Antique Tractor Club**

The Tractor Club has asked if the City could or would facilitate/coordinate events on the showgrounds. Possible proposal might be coming.

B. **Berthusen House**

No further word from the water association. The Tractor Club is willing to share their waterline with the Berthusen House.

C. **Park Security**

The cameras have been installed, the lights have not been installed yet.

D. **Glennig Property**

Harlan Kredit is pretty optimistic the promotional committee will be able to raise the remaining funds.

E. **Dickenson Park**

DOE Money, Parking, Playground

Condo's across from Dickenson property question their property line, the City Attorney is reviewing, the Condo's Association legal letter.

Meeting Adjourned 4:43pm.

**Next meeting: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:00PM (Note time change !!)
Combo meeting with the Rec. District**