



### PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2021

#### 1. ROLL CALL:

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

**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 March 15, 2021

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes Laninga approved the motion and Wohlrab concurred.

**Action:** *The Parks Committee Minutes from March 15, 2021 were approved*

#### 3. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. Berthusen Trails

Tim Van Beek and WTA will be working on 4 sections of trails on April 24 & 25, building turnpikes. If all goes well, they will have another work party in the fall. The Tribune has been informed and will write an article about the work. The City will be supplying the gravel.

##### B. Updates on Parks Projects:

###### **Benson Park barn:**

RFQ was advertised last week, and submittals are due by May 6, 2021.

Some concern from Rec. District on the price tag and would like to provide input on expenditures.

**Action:** *Set up a joint meeting between the Rec. District Commissioners and Parks Committee Members*

Sent RFPs to 5 landscape architects relating to the planning for the south 20 acres. Those are due back by April 30.

###### **Dickinson:**

Surveying has been completed; some questions remain about interpretation. A member of the Rec District has been getting prices on pedestrian bridges. Continued Neighbor Property lines dispute.

###### **Glennig Property:**

Harlan will have a final report on fundraising by our next meeting.

Will also be forming a committee to start planning for how to layout this property and what should be included.

###### **Depot to 8th Trail**

The Mayor is continuing to be in contact with the school district and Vander Griend regarding purchasing the surplus portion. R&E is working on final design and permitting for this project. The walkway thru the wetlands will most likely be a boardwalk.

**C. Cameras for Parks**

Cameras have been installed. They are live 24 hours a day.

**D. Maintenance Supervisor Position**

Hired Brent DeRuyter for the position. He will start May 3, 2021.

**E. Seasonal Positions:**

Will have one returning from last year

Have received 8 applicants to choose from for the other two positions.

**4. ITEMS ADDED:**

A. None

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:32pm**

**Next Meeting Date:**

Parks Committee: May 17, 2021