



PARKS COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 17, 2023

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mayor Korthuis, Councilors Ron DeValois, Kyle Strengholt

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

Guest: Park & Rec. Commissioner Bob Johnson

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- December 19, 2022**

DeValois asked to accept the December 19, 2022, minutes. Strengholt accepted the minutes.

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from December 19, 2022, were approved.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

Bi-weekly check-in Update (we look to be on schedule) next meeting should have a phase 1 barn plan.

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

Benson Park

Draft of Master Plan received from SCJ Alliance with more phasing and pricing elements coming yet in February 2023.

Parks Committee reviewed and discussed the preliminary Benson Park Master Plan designed by Chris Overdorf with SCJ Alliance.

Bridge “pre-drilling” and windmill renovation update.

The pre-drilling by volunteers has begun, banding material was purchased.

The windmill renovation is moving along.

Schoolyard

Sign with a copy of the approved plan in concept has been installed on site. Fence and backstop removal is moving along well to date.

The next step the by the city will be the perimeter, parking, and road improvements.

The mayor asked Brent to look into waterparks maybe contact both Bellingham and Sumas Parks about the build of their waterparks.

Berthusen Park

A gate is in planning stages with city’s electrician and Gateway Controls. The gate will be like that of a railroad crossing arm and will operate on a timer set to open and close according to the park hours. The original gate will stay in place in case of a malfunction, or if the park needs to be closed due to dangerous weather conditions.



Trails

Preliminary numbers and a phased approach for the Depot to 8th St. section have been presented. Parks Committee reviewed the numbers and phased approach and are looking forward to seeing these trails being developed.

C. Budget Updates

Used pickup has been purchased and is in the fleet
Additional Parks Maintenance Employee offer letter has been sent.

D. Civic Plus

IT is making adjustments to our server and training is being scheduled for use this spring.

4. ITEMS ADDED

A. Update on Lynden Youth Sports Agreement

The City Administrator is drawing up an agreement and should have it ready for the February Parks Committee meeting.

B. Approval of Park and Trail Advisory Candidates

The Park and Trail Advisory recommends to the Parks Committee and the Mayor to appoint Pam Holladay and Len Vander Velden to serve on the Park and Trail Advisory Committee.

C. Joint Meeting

Parks Committee and Park and Rec. District meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned 5:04 PM.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, February 21, 2023