



## Park and Trail Advisory Committee Minutes August 14, 2023, Meeting held at Dickinson Park

1. **ROLL CALL:** Tim Van Beek, Pam Holladay, Len Vander Velden, Rena Rudy

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. None required.

3. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A. **Benson Barn-** Modified Design Plan being worked on after reduction of project scope. After much discussion it was decided the barn will not be used as a rental venue. The south wall will be stabilized, the barn painted and landscaped around the perimeter.

P&T asked if a courtyard could be added on the westside and use the barn as a backdrop for an outdoor rental venue? Brent will ask the designers to include this suggestion.

Brent shared the plan is to have restrooms northwest of the barn, the possibility of a Safety Village on the eastside of the barn and the house being used as the central park office and educational classrooms.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of Park Master Plan being completed by SCJ Alliance (Chris Overdorf) P&T glanced at the draft and familiarized themselves with the architect and his connection to the Lynden Community.

B. **Dickinson Property-** Preliminary Trail Plan still in progress(R&E) and meeting with Strengholt family on lot line adjustment

Trail design on upper ridge needs to happen soon (volunteers?) Len and Rena showed interest in assisting with this design.

Invasive species are still being removed by LCS classes this fall as time allows.

2 or 3 stall gravel lot on Fishtrap Way is complete, now going to create single spaces along driveway similar to Berthusen Park

Comments P&T would like to see a Park Sign. Pam and Tim collaborated to find grants and grant writers.



## **C. Schoolyard Park-**

The park's crew is maintaining trees and mowing, soil tests coming next week. 2024 an irrigation waterline and bigger meter to be added. Private donors are working on a covered area and restrooms design.

## **D. Depot to N. 8<sup>th</sup> Trail-** Construction is almost complete in the water, will move over to the east side next week if all goes well.

Anyone interested in helping with bridge construction? Not currently. Pam will put out feelers to the community along with looking for grant writers and grants.

## **E. Berthusen Park-** Lots of complaints about horse trail users not cleaning up on trails behind their horses and using the trails for horseback riding out of schedule. Signage is being designed to be posted at the back entrance by the parking area.

Tim will investigate proper signage and speak with back country horsemen on their recommendations.

## **F. Other Items-**

### **"Salmon Spotters" Opportunity along Trail**

- September 16, 10:00am-12:00pm, Bender Fields, Lynden
- 2-hour training, no commitment, then participants can sign up to "adopt" an area of the creek to monitor in the fall. Visit area 2x a week for at least 15 min, record what you see.

Pam might be available to assist with this project.

### **Site visit to N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Trail Section?**

Committee Members were very impressed with progress of development in a very short time frame.

## **4. Adjourn: 8:42pm.**

**Next meeting: Monday October 9, 2023 @ City Annex**