



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 27, 2022

ROLL CALL:

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

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

1. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- May 16, 2022

Laninga motioned to approve the May 16, 2022, minutes Wohlrab approved the motion.

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from May 16, 2022, were approved.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Updates on Parks projects

Pepin Creek- No news except the Main St. construction this summer.

Benson Park

Exploratory committee meets the 29th to get more costs for a turf complex.

Annexation for the property is in process.

Meeting with SHKS information on the barn project Construction begins 2024.

Dickinson

Completed a walk-through with reps from the DNR about a forestry inventory with the DNR grant for \$20,000.

City Park Sign

Lynden Door group is excited to tackle it this Fall. Parks Committee likes the look of an arch suspended between the two stone pillars.

Automated Lock Report

City Park is running already, and we are waiting on doors for other sites.

Staff Report

Two (2) employees have signed their offer letters; one started today (June 27) and one will start on July 5. Their names are Ryan Dykstra and Bryn DeVries. They fill the two (2) vacant full-time positions.



- B. Park and Trail Advisory Committee(23rd) and Berthusen Advisory Committee(18th) Reports (Minutes included in Packet).** (For information only) Parks Committee is in favor of a joint meeting with both BA and PT committees. Park and Trail Advisory has two (2) vacant seats, DeRuyter asked to Parks Committee to submit recommendations of persons who have interest in serving on the PT committee.

3. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Berthusen Park Caretakers House Roof Replacements Bids

Parks Committee reviewed the two (2) bids from Joosten's Roofing and Topside Roofing, and accepted Joosten's Bid. Joosten's will start on July 18, 2022.

B. FYI-Dickinson Caretakers House roof will need to be replaced in the next year as well.

C. Park Camping Policy/Ordinance- Parks Committee Reviewed Mercer Island's Camping policy/ordinance and would like to mimic their ordinance with our own additions to mirror our city's needs. City Administrator Williams will forward on the consensus of council to the City Attorney to create.

D. Splash Spray Day's

Council Wohlrab asked DeRuyter to create a schedule and team to host Splash Days at the Glenning Property again this year. Wohlrab and DeRuyter will meet to make this happen.

****Request to change meeting date to either July 11 or July 25 due to rescheduled family vacation: Parks Committee Agreed to July 25, 2022**

Meeting Adjourned: 5:16pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE
July 25, 2022