



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 15, 2022

1. 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 Public Works Director Steve Banham

Guest Virtual: SHKS Engineer Matt Hamel

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- July 25, 2022**

Laniga motioned to approve the July 25, 2022, minutes Wohlrab approved the motion.

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from July 25, 2022, were approved.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

Matt Hamel with SHKS presented a report on the study of the barn. The report included, the structure stability, pest infestation, and how to shore up the structure and manage the pest infestation and a vision for utilizing surrounding area for gatherings and parking.

An onsite meeting will take place in October 2022– Date TBA

The full report is attached

B. **Updates on Parks projects**

Benson Park

Exploratory committee turf complex committee to meet September 15, 2022

Discussion might include a possible contact for a new proposal for a turf complex.

Dickinson

RFP for forest assessment awarded to The Watershed Company (In packet) City Planner Dave Timmer shared with DeRuyter that he has reviewed the assessment noted this assessment packet looked good and is very well done.

Looking at moving the swinging gate from Berthusen to Double Ditch this would block off the Double Ditch entrance to vehicles accessing the property, including the house tenants. All vehicle access would enter the property from Fishtrap Way.



Automated Lock Report

Doors are still not delivered- Vander Griend's hopes to have them in by the end of the month.

Berthusen Park

Successful week with the tractor show

Bender Fields

Preparing 26 fields (soccer, lacrosse, and football) for over 1,600 kids this fall

C. Park and Trail Advisory Committee is proposing a combined meeting in September.

Parks Committee asked to meet with Park and Trail Advisory Committee separate date than that of a Parks Committee meeting to have adequate time for discussion. DeRuyter will propose a date to meet via email.

D. E-bikes and E-scooters

Discussion and signage ideas on E-bikes and E-scooters on City Trails are continuing through both city committees and legal counsel.

E. 2023 Budget

Discussions will occur at the Parks Committee September meeting.

4. ITEMS ADDED:

Request to change the September 19, 2022, Parks Committee meeting to September 12, 2022. Laninga will try to meet virtually. DeRuyter will confirm the change with an email and calendar notification.

Meeting Adjourned 5:36pm.

NEXT MEETING—September 12, 2022