



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 15, 2021

1. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Martin; Parks Director Vern Meenderinck; and Park Admin.
Assist. Nancy Norris, City Planner Dave Timmer

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- February 16, 2021**

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

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from February 16, 2021 were approved.

B. **Park Impact Fees- Resolution 1622**

Draft changes to increase fees to \$2,925.

-Reasoning relating to actual costs of acquisition and Development costs.

-Motion to approve the revised impact fee schedule and forward it to full council.

Action: Recommendation to bring to full council, to increase the Park Impact fees from \$936 to \$2,925 to adequately capture the actual cost for Park Development. Bring to Council the first meeting in April.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. **Berthusen Trails**

After meeting with Tim Van Beek and Arlan Boogard from Washington Trails Assoc. It was agreed that Washington Trails would have volunteer groups scheduled for some time in May to improve 3 sections of trails at Berthusen. The only cost to the City would be supplying the gravel needed.

Berthusen Shelter Repair

The Shelter was damaged this winter from a large fallen tree limb and is currently being repaired by Arlan Holleman.

B. **Updates on Parks projects:**

Benson Park barn:

Should have an RFQ (P) finished and delivered by the end of the month.

Checking with a couple of local land architects for pricing on a Master Plan for the south 20-acre development.

Harlan Kredit is working with a couple of local nurseries to decide the type of trees to plant. His recommendation is to wait until we have a plan in place so we know where the trees should go, rather than planting them now and then having to move them as the mortality rate would be quite high.



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Dickinson:

No report on surveying. A member of the Rec District has been getting prices on pedestrian bridges.

Glennig Property:

A request for \$250,000 from the county Conservation futures fund was approved. Leaving approximately \$200,000 left to raise. The Glennig committee is confident they will be able to raise that by the end of the year.

Depot to 8th Trail:

The Mayor is continuing to be in contact with the school district and Vander Griend regarding purchasing the surplus portion.

C. Cameras for Parks:

Matt Torak has been in contact with Security Solutions who have agreed to donate 3 cameras for 5 years, and they have also received a commitment from a Wi-Fi provider to provide Wi-Fi for free for a period of 3 years. Pole and cameras are ordered and should be installed the first part of April.

D. Maintenance Supervisor position

Advertised in house, with end date of March 15, 2021.
Will be doing interviews the week of March 22, 2021.

A. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Forge Fitness will have a Soft Opening next week Monday. The Pool will be closed for 2 weeks while they cover the ceiling and walls. Many community members have expressed much gratitude for the new renovations made to the facility!

Meeting Adjourned: 4:41pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE:
Parks Committee: April 19, 2021