



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 15, 2019

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ron De Valois, Mark Wohlrab, Nick Laninga

Staff Present: Mayor Korthuis, Mike Martin, Vern Meenderinck, Nancy Norris

Others Present: Tim Faber, Kevin Rus

2. Action Items

A. **Approval of minutes from June 17, 2019**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, Laninga seconded the motion.

Action: The minutes from June 15, 2019, were approved.

B. **Rotary Boulder Park**

Confirmed the amount the City will contribute to the Rotary project between \$30,000-\$40,000.

The Rotary is looking at a budget around \$250,000/260,000, if they do the rocks/bb courts/pickle ball courts/and sand volleyball.

So far, have \$119,600 dedicated cash, will use an additional \$45,000 from Rotary General budget, \$20,000 from carry over from last year's budget, materials & account credits of \$20,000+=total of Approx. \$205,000, plus contribution from City and further requests for donations will continue.

Action: Parks Committee approved contributing \$30,000-\$40,000 for this project.

C. **Benson Park planning, approve use of funds budgeted to hire an architect to draw up plans for the initial 20-acre park.**

Action: Parks Committee approved the budgeted funds for development of Benson Park to hire an architect to design a park plan.

D. **What should be the path forward on YMCA repair/additions/rebuild**

Tim Faber shared the proposed plan to renovate the existing YMCA.

The estimated cost is approx. \$8million. A new YMCA building at a different location would cost approximately \$30million.

The Parks Committee reviewed the Park and Trail survey's questions and responses regarding the YMCA. After further discussion the recommendation is to form a Citizens Committee to get the ball rolling on developing a new YMCA or renovating the existing YMCA.

Action: Mayor Korthuis will contact the Lynden Representative YMCA Board Member Shane Vander Giessen to assist in forming a Citizen Committee to renovate or build a new YMCA for Lynden.



3. Information Items

A. **Request/ideas on installing a bike dirt jump/pump track-**

Kevin Rus proposed to the Parks Committee installing a bike dirt track and or a bike pump track. Kevin shared the approximate cost/funding options and design. Parks committee liked the idea of offering more recreational activities within the City Parks.

Kevin will meet with Vern to look into possible locations that might work for either tracks.

B. **Dickenson Property/House**

Discussion on what to do with the House on Dickenson property Parks Committee discussed using the house for an Interpretive Center or short term rental.

Details have not been completed with Dept. of Ecology conditions for use of the property.

C. **Glenning street property**

Lacrosse questions and ideas. Lacrosse submitted a plan for the Glenning St property and proposal to sign a long term lease of the Glenning St, property. If Lacrosse makes the improvements with two (2) light turf lacrosse fields basketball courts and an open air amphitheater for summer and non-lacrosse use.

Parks Committee was impressed with the proposal from Lacrosse; they have concerns of having lighted fields in a residential area. Parks Committee suggested possibly including lighted turf lacrosse fields and an open air amphitheater at Benson Park.

D. **Park identification signs at smaller parks? Patterson, Greenfield, Northwood/Lynden Jim**

Parks Committee would like Park identifications signs at all Parks

4. Items Added

A. **Fire Hydrant Spray Day at Glenning**

Mark Wohlrab proposed the City offer a Hydrant Spray Day at the Glenning St. property once the City takes ownership of it.

Mr. Wohlrab explained with the pool being closed, it would be a fun way to cool off on a hot summer day. Wohlrab said the communities who offer this type of event, receive lots of accolades and it's a way to promote the City and It might be a way to inform the voters of the upcoming Park and Rec District bond.

The Mayor and Parks Committee asked Mark to get details of how other cities/community's facilitate this type of event.

Next meeting: August 19, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 5:32pm.