



Park and Trail Advisory Committee Minutes April 8, 2024

1. **ROLL CALL:** Chair-Jeff Davis, Vice Chair-Pam Holladay, Tim Van Beek, Len Vander Velden, Tanya Assink Rena Rudy -(Virtually)

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Review and Approve Minutes from August meeting.

The Park and Trail Advisory Committee minutes of August 14, 2023, were approved as presented.

B. Election of Officers and Renewal of Terms—Tanya and Rena

After a brief discussion of the design, definition, purpose, of the PTAC and how to be more involved and vocal and recognized with current and future park projects.

Committee Chairs would like to attend the Parks Committee Meetings and be more involved with the planning of park projects.

Action: Committee members elected Jeff Davis as Chair, and Pam Holladay as Vice Chair. Nancy Norris will serve as Secretary.

Both: Tanya Assink and Rena Rudy agreed to continue to serve another term on the PTAC.

Action: Park & Trail Advisory recommends to the Parks Committee and the Mayor, to reappoint Tanya Assink and Rena Rudy to the Park and Trail Advisory Committee.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **Benson Barn**

- Modified Design Plan being offered to contractors for rebuilding of south wall and doors/windows only. Requests for additions have been deleted and will only be used for storage in the future.

-Final and phased draft of Park Master Plan has been completed by SCJ Alliance (Chris Overdorf)

- **Phase 1 is a practice turf field.**
- **Phase 2 is a multiple use turf field.**
- **Phase 3 trails, disc golf, stormwater ponds, playground, pickleball, sand volleyball, or basketball courts.**
- **Phase 4 Stadium turf field and parking**



PARKS DEPARTMENT
Brent De Ruyter, Parks Director
(360) 354 - 6717

- **Phase 5 Possible Park central office, barn, restrooms, courtyard open space.**

Financial Options: Community Support, Rec District, Parks Director DeRuyter is working with ROC Andrea Hood who is assisting in the guidance of applying for the ROC Athletic Matching Grant, A Youth Athletic 50/50 Match Grant.

In the near future PATAC could be asked to write letters of support.

A. Dickinson Property

- Preliminary Trail Plan is still in progress(R&E) and have met with Strengholt family ~~on lot line adjustment~~ **shift the easement. Development is a few years away.**
- Trail design on upper ridge needs to happen soon (Len and Rena still volunteers?)
- -Invasive species are still being removed by LCS classes and Whatcom Million Trees this spring as time allows
- -Sign has been designed -and paid for by Parks & Rec District.
PTAC asked if there could be signs identifying where to park. Also mentioned adding blue park directional signs identifying the park location at 17th St./Fishtrap Way and Main St./Dbl. Ditch. Recommend adding a Dickinson Park sign to the hang on the gate.

B. Schoolyard Park- Now has a location address it is 700 Edson St.

- The park's crew is maintaining trees and mowing.
- Private donors have raised the funds and have completed the permitting process for a timber frame pavilion and park entrance building design the first main entrance will face Edson.
- A separate donor group is working on a playground design. The general area of the playground will be located west of the southwest entrance.
- Pam H's update on meeting about a spray park design.
Pam Holladay met with Jonathan Sleek of Bellingham Parks Designer and Cordata Splashpad. Jonathan provided Pam with possible grant funding opportunities, and stressed calling it a cooling station noting there is money available for climate-change related needs.
Pam mentioned that Jonathan is willing to help with further information for Lynden to develop a splashpad. Pam passed along all the material and information that Jonathan provided to DeRuyter.

CITY OF LYNDEN



PARKS DEPARTMENT

Brent De Ruyter, Parks Director
(360) 354 - 6717

C. Depot to N. 8th Trail- Construction is complete of Phase 1 and the bridge is almost completed. Decking and railings are being finished. Bids are out for Phase 3, and we should have a contractor named by the end of the month.
VG lumber tree is coming down on the first of May.

D. Berthusen Park

- Update from Tim VB on recommendations for signage?

Tim recommends closing off the neighbor self-made entrance trail at Axling and Badger or at least to the horse people entering there. Also, Tim noted that the horse directional signs need to be posted up higher. Tim will work with the Park Maintenance Supervisor on creative solutions.

- 2nd bathroom upgrades to hopefully be worked on by seasonal employees later this spring/early summer April or May.
- Going to be widening the crushed opening/exit to the park and improving lighting coming into the entrance
- Contemplating a new trail to a large cedar tree behind the Tractor Club pulling track near the creek

E. Bender Fields

- Lots of vandalism in different areas and looking to apply for RCO grant for lighting upgrades to current fields that are not able to be replaced any longer

F. Other Items-

Request for “walking presence” on trail from Bender to City Park due to increased vandalism.

4. Adjourn: 8:56pm

Next meeting: Monday August 12, 7:00 @ City Annex