



PARKS COMMITTEEMINUTES

4: 00 PM. December 16, 2019

1. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors, Ron DeValois, Nick Laninga, and Mark Wohlrab

Staff Present:

City Administrator Mike Martin; Parks Director Vern Meenderinck; and Park Admin. Assistant Nancy Norris

2. Action Items:

A. **Approval of minutes from Nov. 18, 2019**

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

Action:

The Minutes from November 18, 2019 were approved.

B. **Rec. District Bond Funds**

Approve the use of City staff (finance) to help the Rec. District in finalizing plans for the implementation of acquiring the bond funds.

Action:

Parks Committee approved the use of City Finance staff to assist and implement a Bond Council for acquiring the bond funds, for the Rec. District.

C. **Bond issue projects:**

Benson Park:

Need to start making solid plans for the Benson park property.

- Tim Faber is in the process of drawing up plans for making the barn useable.
- The Park and Trail Advisory committee has been discussing this project for the last 2 years and has recommended developing the south 20 acres first and has come up with a preliminary list of items they would recommend being installed on this portion (list attached).

Action:

Parks Committee asked to have the Park and Trail Advisory revise the preliminary list of items and review their recommendation for the first phase of development for this property. Faber also recommends getting the barn listed on the State Historic Registry.



D. Berthusen Restrooms

Request to decide on Restroom colors and whether we want privacy screens or No privacy screens. Colors shown on diagram are natural honey and Nuss brown.

Action:

Parks Committee recommends the color of the restroom walls be Hunter Green and the roof color be Nuss Brown. It is the recommendation NOT to have privacy screens.

May need to bring the building in from the west end of the park which may require the removal of 2-3 trees (up to 12" diameter of one of them).

Action:

Parks Committee approved the removal of the 2-3 trees as specified for the reason of getting the building into the Park with the least impact to the forest and Park as possible.

3. Information items:

A. Rotary project-

Making great progress

- 3rd boulder and the 40ft. Flag Pole installed last Monday.
- Opened the boulder park section.
- Blacktop of the sports court surfaces to be postponed until next spring.

B. Park Impact Fees

Continue looking at what impact fees for parks should look like for budgeting next year.

- Comparable costs from other cities in Whatcom county
- Lynden \$936 SF, \$546.00 MF
- Bellingham \$4,014.57 SF, \$2,941.85 MF
- Ferndale \$1,936.35 SF, \$1,570.13 MF
- Blaine \$1,200 SF, ??? MF

Action:

Parks Committee would like the Park Impact Fees to be comparable to the City of Ferndale and to include an escalator clause. Recommendation to amend the 2020 budget to include the new impact fees at the start of the 2020 budgeted year.

C. Art wall report:

Mr. Wohlrab reported he spoke with Crux Concrete, and they would like to gift an art wall to the City if they could engineer the wall, with their business stamp logo on the project along with press recognition. Wohlrab recommends this art wall be located at City Park north of the creek, trail and closer to Depot Rd. Wohlrab also recommends involving the community in ownership by having each of the Lynden Schools Art Classes paint a side of the wall.



Action:

Parks Committee is all in favor of the Crux Concrete donating an art wall to be located north of the Creek at City Park. Crux' would need to submit the engineered plans for final approval prior to construction. Parks Committee likes the idea of having the Lynden Schools Art Classes to be the first to paint the wall.

D. Pump track report-

Kevin Rus will attend a future council meeting. Waiting for more complete plans

Action:

Parks Committee approved Mr. Rus' request to be on the January 6, 2020 City Council agenda, to give a presentation of what a Pump Track is, the construction and funding for this gifted project.

E. Trail Camera

The cameras that were ordered through the PD have arrived. Thank you Matt Torok.

4. Items added:

A. Park and Trail Advisory Members Term Reappointment

Tad Vander Griend, Jeff Davis and Colby Weg all have agreed to serve another term on the Park and Trail Advisory Committee.

Action:

Parks Committee recommends the Mayor appoint Tad Vander Griend, Jeff Davis and Colby Weg, to serve another Term on the Park and Trail Advisory Committee.

B. Berthusen Advisory Member Term Reappointment.

Dave Timmer has agreed to continue to serve another term on the Berthusen Advisory Committee.

Action:

Parks Committee recommends the Mayor appoint Dave Timmer to serve another Term on the Berthusen Advisory Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:48pm.

Next meeting: Jan. 21 (Tuesday), 2020