



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 16, 2021

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors, Ron DeValois, and Nick Laninga

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

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- January 19, 2021

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

Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from January 19, 2021 were approved.

B. Berthusen Ag land lease has been advertised.

Motion to accept bids (due Feb. 22) and bring to full council for approval on March 2, 2021.

Action: Parks Committee agreed to accept the highest bid and bring it to full council for approval March 2, 2021.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Berthusen Trails

Tim Van Beek has lined up crews from Washington Trails and should begin repairing the trails in 3 locations sometime in May.

B. Updates on Parks projects:

Benson Park barn:

Parks is working with PW to draft and send out an RFP for the barn remodel. Also working with PW to draft an RFP for a master plan for the south 20 acres. Harlan Kredit is working on helping to acquire and plant approx. 200- 5' to 12' trees on the property. May plant in a plot until it is determined what the park design will be.



Dickinson:

The property has been surveyed. One neighbor disputes where the corner of his lot is located.

Bob Johnson Rec District Commissioner is in contact with a bridge builder in Blaine (?) to look at possibilities for the bridges. Pedestrian bridges only?

Glenning Property:

A request for \$250,000 from the county Conservation futures fund to help raise some of the remaining funds needed has been submitted.

Depot to 8th Trail:

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

C. Cameras for Parks:

Matt Torak has been in contact with Security Solutions who may be willing to donate a camera (s) to the parks for more security.

Great presentation on the cameras, would probably need to figure in electrical and Wi-Fi to make them work. POGO ZONE will donate the Wi-Fi for 3 years.

Vern and Torak will meet with Security Solutions on site on Wed Feb. 17, 2021 for more discussion.

D. Park Impact fees:

Dave and Heidi have worked on the needs for documentation and should have a final draft ready for review and then to council approval. Parks Committee were asked to review the documents overnight and return their comments to Vern before the 1pm Wed. February 17, 2021 Planning Meeting for finalization and review to go to council for approval.

4. ITEMS ADDED: None

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE
Parks Committee: March 15, 2021**