



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Combined with the Rec. District
May 17, 2021

1. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Martin; Parks Director Vern Meenderinck; Parks Admin. Assistant Nancy Norris; and Brent DeRuyter Park Maintenance Supervisor

Rec. District Commissioners Present: Bob Johnson

Community Members Present: Harlan Kredit

2. ACTION ITEMS:

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

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

Action:

The Parks Committee Minutes from April 19, 2021, were approved.

B. Motion to move Glenning Conservation easement to full council.

DeValois asked for a motion, to move the Glenning Conservation easement to full council Laninga concurred and Wohlrab supported the motion.

Action:

Parks Committee approved the motion to move the Glenning Conservation easement to full council for approval.

C. Select the company to develop the park plan for Benson Park.

Sent request to 5 companies, received 2 replies.

Parks Committee and Rec. District Commissioners reviewed each proposal received from CTL Architectures and SCJ Alliance. After much discussion Parks Committee Motioned to accept SCJ Alliance proposal to develop a Park Plan for Benson Park.

Action:

The mayor accepted the Parks Committee's motion; a contract will be drawn up with SCJ Alliance.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Berthusen Trails

Washington Trails Assoc. completed 2 sections of trail renovation, will return in June/July or Oct/November to complete 2 more.



B. Harlan Kredit -presentation on Glenning Park.

Fundraising: Mr. Kredit shared the fundraising is going very well getting very close to reaching the need dollar amount as agreed upon. An Open House for the Community input and project accomplishment announcement.

Planning committee: A community planning committee has been created.

C. Updates on Parks projects:

Benson Park barn: Two (2) replies to the RFQ for the Benson barn. PW will be interviewing both before making a final decision. Discussion between the committee and Rec. District on path forward.

Dickinson Park: Ideas on what to do with the house at Dickinson's Copy of new lot lines for the property.

Glenning Property: covered under earlier sections of the agenda.

Depot to 8th Trail: There has been some positive progress s between VG and the school district.

D. Request from Rick Heeringa to have a fence installed between his property and Dickinson Park.

There is a discrepancy as to where the property line is. Waiting for a property line description from Public Works.

E. Request from Lynden Christian to use part of City Park for playground use.

Will need to draw up a shared land use agreement, that includes an out clause and no cutting/removing trees. The City will maintain ownership of the property.

4. ITEMS ADDED: None

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05pm

NEXT MEETING DATE

Parks Committee: June 21

Rec. District: June 9