



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

September. 21, 2020

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. Assist. Nancy Norris

2. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- Aug. 17, 2020**

DeValois motioned to approve the minutes, and Wohlrab seconded the motion, everyone present concurred.

Action: *The Parks Committee Minutes from August 17, 2020 were approved.*

B. **Request for lights in the Parking Lot at Bender**

There is no electrical source near the parking lots, the cost would be huge.

Action: *Parks Committee suggested looking into Solar, and if solar is a possibility what is the brightness, maintenance, and cost.*

C. **Use of the YMCA pool by the Bellingham Swim Club**

Mike Martin explained to the Parks Committee the immediate need to terminate the YMCA's lease agreement, so the City can enter into an intermittent lease with the organization, Let's Pool Together/Bellingham Bay Swim Club.

Action: *Parks Committee agreed to forward their recommendation to bring forward the termination of the YMCA lease and the approval of a lease contract with the organization, Let's Pool Together.*

D. **Decision on how to proceed for the Benson barn project**

The Parks Committee would like to start with the structure of the Barn.

Action: *Additional funds will be explored for including the kitchen and restrooms.*

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. **Hooligans at Bender**

Continues to be an ongoing problem; but PD presence has decreased the amount of complaints significantly.

Permanent signage with park rules has been added to the Rotary Park.



B. Art wall progress

Crux Construction had planned to be in attendance this afternoon. They are ready to donate an 8ft x 20ft concrete wall worth approx. \$7000 for the community.

Councilman Wohlrab asked if Crux Construction would be allowed to stamp their logo into the concrete wall and a recognition plaque of donation?

Mayor Korthuis acknowledged recognition would be given and asked for Crux to include in the preapproval design of the wall where their logo or plaque would be located.

C. Dickinson property line disagreement with Fairside Condo's

Fairside Condo Owners have the understanding their property line is 8ft north of the northern bank of the creek. The City's property description shows the property line as being the center of the creek.

A letter was sent to the Fairside Condo Association addressed to Mr. Toby Gelder in response to the letter Mr. Gelder had sent to the City regarding the removal signs the Fairside Condo Assoc. had placed on the Dickinson Park property.

The City is in the process of surveying the property, signage will be added to Dickinson Park to show park users the Park property boundaries.

D. Berthusen Restroom report:

Tiger Construction will begin demo early part of October.

Pushing CXT to have the restrooms delivered earlier, so the building can begin by the end of October.

E. Trail Grant update

Mayor Korthuis and the city grant writer met with a representative with ROC Monday September 21, 2020.

The Representative from ROC was complimentary on how well prepared the grant proposal was written including additions and changes from previous proposal.

4. ITEMS ADDED: None

Meeting Adjourned: 4:43PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Parks Committee: October 18, 2020