



## PARKS COMMITTEE AGENDA March 22, 2022

### 1. **ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Councilors Ron DeValois, Nick Laninga and Mark Wohlrab

**Staff Present:** City Administrator John Williams; Parks Director DeRuyter; Parks Admin. Assistant Nancy Norris and Public Works Director Steve Banham

### 2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- February 22, 2022**

Laninga motioned to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes Wohlrab approved the motion.

**Action: The Parks Committee Minutes from February 22, 2022, were approved.**

#### B. **Automated Lock Discussion/Approval**

Park Restrooms- Bender, Aaron Drive, City Park (Updated bid from Security Solutions attached)

Able to save \$70/month in activation fees due to current city contract

**Action: After discussion Parks Committee asked that John and Brent inquire/explore other options and means of securing the restrooms.**

### 3. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### A. **Updates on Parks projects**

##### **Glennig**

Initial Park charette with Dave Christensen occurred Feb. 24, 2022

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> is the initial design review.

##### **Benson Park**

Still waiting on feedback from the wood scientist and engineering before moving forward

Exploratory committee continues to meet to discuss a turf complex

##### **Dickinson**

Footbridge is installed and has rave reviews so far; the installation credit goes to the Public Works Street Crew.

##### **Trails**

~~No news to report other than~~ July start date for Depot-8<sup>th</sup> St. trail.



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**B. Cemetery Cannon**

Approved by Council on Monday, March 21, 2022.

**C. Park and Trail Advisory Committee Discussion**

The Park and Trail Advisory will not disband, community input is needed per the development of Glenning, Benson and Dickenson Park and future parks. This committee will meet quarterly.

**4. ITEMS ADDED:**

**A. Benson Parkway**

Public Parks Director spoke with the Committee about other options for roads through or around Benson Park, Parks Committee confirmed that they will NOT support a parkway through Benson Park.

**B. Homeless Camping Ordinance**

The City Attorney has prepared three different versions for the city to consider regarding the Homeless Camping Ordinance.

**C. Park Hours Ordinance**

Police asked if an ordinance was created for park hours. This will be included or created all with the camping ordinance.

**D. Request to Officially Introduce Brent as the New Parks Director at the next Council Meeting**

Meeting Adjourned 5:26pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**  
**April 18, 2022**