



PARKS AND REC. DISTRICT COMBINATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 17, 2020

1. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Rec. District Commissioners Present: Ron Van Soest, Rick Lair, and Bob Johnson, TJ Timmermans, and Harvey Pelleboer

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

Guest Present: Tim Faber King Architecture

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- July 20,2020**

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

Action: The Parks Committee and Rec District Minutes from July 20, 2020 were approved.

B. **Decision on Trail Names-Tabled from last meeting**

After a brief discussion both Committee agreed there should be only one name for the City Trail instead of multiple trail names.

Action: De Valois motioned having all Trails within the City be known as Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail, no other Trail names. Mr. Pelleboer 2nd the motion everyone present concurred. Motion stands approved.

C. **Approve privacy fence funds for Rena Rudy on 17thSt.**

Use bond funds for a fence along the new sidewalk, which will be part of the trail section to Dickinson Park.

Action: Laninga Motioned to make an exception to allow the City to install a privacy fence per the request of the property owner. The funding for this fence would be paid for from the trail bond funds.

Mr. Pelleboer 2nd the motion everyone present concurred. Motion stands approved.

D. **Benson Barn report and proposal- direction forward?**

King Architecture presented updated estimates for the renovation of the barn with 3 design options and 2 different options for the size of the lobby.

Action: After much discussion both Committees agreed that the main hall of the barn be renovated first. The parking, restrooms, and kitchen will be added in phases as the Park is developed.



E. Draft Parks Master Plan for review.

Comments and notes were received, no additional comments or discussion needed.

Action: All additional comments received will be forwarded to Planning for the final draft.

F. Berthusen Restroom report on progress- permit status

The Shoreline permits were approved. The bid went out for bid Aug. 5 no one showed up for the pre bid to site prep and demo the existing restroom. Pre bid meeting was set for Aug 13 and the Bid opening would have been August 20, 2020. Reichhardt & Ebe will send out notices to Contractors off the City's Small works roster.

Action: Parks Committee approved going to council for approval if it meets the engineer estimate and recommends accepting the bid.

G. Decision on whether to lease out rental space at Benson Rd.

The machine shop at Benson Park has 2 large open stalls and 4-5 small open stalls. Rent out one of the stalls, 2 large 4-5 small stalls. The renter of the house uses one stall and the park tractor is parked in another. An individual asked if they could store their RV in one.

Action: After some discussion, the Parks Committee choose not to lease out the building stalls at Benson Park.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Rec. District updates- no comment

B. Pump track

The pump track is open and being well used. The sod will be installed later this Fall.

C. Hooligans at Bender

This continues to be an ongoing problem. This group of 10-15 teenage middle schoolers have no respect for people, they harass park users, and destroy park property. They hang out at the park from mid-day till late into the night. They are well behaved when the police show up after the police leave this group goes back to being obnoxious. A few weeks ago, two individuals were caught with a significant amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Action: The Polices will be patrolling the area undercover.

D. Art wall progress- No report at this time.

E. Irrigation controller at Bender puked- 38 years old

Ordered replacement at \$2,165, which can be expanded for optiflow Which will result in substantial savings in the future.



4. **ITEMS ADDED:**

A. **Trail Development**

The City has applied for a grant to complete the section of trail between Depot to North 8th St. The goal is to begin on this section of trail in 2021

B. **Youth Sports Leagues Field Use**

Leagues are wanting to have games this fall and are asking for the fields to be set up. Per the governor's mandates sports teams will not be allowed to play games until phase 4.

Vern asked if the leagues/coordinators could paint and set up the fields for games.

Action: Committee members denied this request stating liability reasons. The fields are to remain closed to league games and tournaments for the remainder of the year. Team Practices are allowed per the Governors mandates.

C. **Skate Park and Spray Park**

With the new pump track community members are pushing for a skatepark and spray park.

Action: Both Committees would support the development of these parks. The City and Rec. District would be willing to provide approved park property. Private funding and development would come from the community, like the Rotary Sports Park and Pump Track.

Adjourned 6:19

NEXT MEETING DATES

Parks Committee: September 21, 2020

Rec. District; September 9, 2020