



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 23, 2021

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Councilors Ron DeValois, and Nick Laninga

Staff Present: City Administrator John Williams; Parks Director Vern Meenderinck; Parks Admin. Assistant Nancy Norris; and Brent DeRuyter Park Maintenance Supervisor, Chief Steve Taylor Police Dept.

2. ACTION ITEMS:

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

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

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

B. Come up with a plan to deal with the “rowdy” teenage crowd

PD will be in attendance. Start trespassing the groups? What can we legally do
We do have an ordinance relating to behaviors? (included)

Chief Taylor shared with the Parks Committee the need to call 911 and report miss behaviors and vandalism right away when it occurs. Without record it makes it hard to respond or address a problem or a crime. With the new laws review of the current ordinance needs to be updated relating to behaviors.

Action: Parks Committee would like to review other City Ordinances related to this subject, and revise to current ordinance to abide to the new law.

C. Fees for park usages for 2022.

Copy of Resolution 983 from 2018

Last raised in 2018

Definite need to increase field fees (due to huge increase in painting costs).

Action: Parks Committee asked that the Parks Department increase the fees and bring forward the recommended fee increases to the September Parks Committee meeting. Parks Committee also asked if an annual fee increase could be included.



3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Glennig property

There will be a community planning meeting sometime in Sept.

First splash day was cool and cloudy. About 125 in attendance.

Thoughts on future/further days? Vern will discuss this with Councilor Wohlrab

B. Updates on Parks projects:

Benson Park

Waiting for final contract with SKHS

Master Plan for the park will begin work in Sept.

Dickinson

House occupancy to be discussed -price, duties, house inspection, dates we can expect it to be available?? Once it is determined when the house will be vacated.

Set at time and date for a community meeting regarding plans for the park.

Have been contacted by several neighbors requesting information on what the plans for the park and parking etc. will be.

Depot to 8th Trail

Purchase agreement with VG Lumber for needed property, this is being drawn up.

C. Succession plan

We have 2 applications from within the City of Lynden:

Interviews will take place toward the end of September.

4. ITEMS ADDED: None

Meeting Adjourned: 4:56pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 20, 2021