

CITY OF LYNDEN

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Main Number: (360) 354-6717



Parks Committee Meeting Agenda

City Hall - 300 Fourth Street

4:00 PM August 23, 2021

Roll Call

Action Items

1. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes

July 19, 2021

2. 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)

3. 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).

Information Items

4. Glenning 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 ?

5. Updates on Parks projects:

Benson Park Waiting for final contract with SKH

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?

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

Have been contacted by a number of 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

6. Succession plan

We have 2 applications from within the City of Lynden
Interviews will take place toward the end of September.

Items Added

Next Meeting: September 20, 2021



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 19, 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, Steve Banham Public Works Director.

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes- June 21, 2021**

DeValois asked for a motion to approve the June 21, 2021, Parks Committee minutes. Wohlrab motioned to approve the minutes and Laninga approved the motion.

Action: *The Parks Committee Minutes from June 21, 2021, were approved*

B. **Succession Plan for Parks**

Parks Committee briefly discussed the recommendation of moving the Maintenance Supervisor to Director and agreed that a leadership position should go through the hiring process.

Action: *Parks Committee directed that the Parks Director Position to be advertised first in house, going through the normal hiring process for this type of position.*

3. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A. **Glennig property**

Picnic tables have been delivered and being put together. 21 trees have been planted. There will be a community planning meeting sometime in Sept.

B. **Updates on Parks projects:**

-Benson Park

Firms selected for the Master Plan and Barn renovation. Planning Public Works and Parks Will be meeting with Mr. Overdorf sometime in the next 2 weeks on the park master plan. Mr. Overdorf will be coordinating that with the barn architects.

Public Works Director Banham asked for alternate plans for the barn renovation?

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Minimal upgrades to the barn for summer use only? -Add new section for meetings etc. on the south end of the barn

Parks Committee would like to keep the barn's integrity very basic and usable address the pest problem, fix the southwest wall and us it as a summer facility.

Thoughts on location of needed pump station (south 20 acres) and storm facility/rec area- dual purpose (on the north 20 acres??) north of the right of way near Benson Rd.

-Dickinson Park

Met with R&E about trail location

House occupancy to be discussed, price, duties, house inspection, dates we can expect it to be available.

Speaking with the Dickinson family's attorney the city has asked for a response of a vacate or occupancy decision by August 31, 2021.

-Depot to 8th Trail

Purchase agreement with VG Lumber for needed property is complete.

C. Budget items for 2022

Items to add that were not in the capital plan from last year.

Funds for the Trail along Badger from Northwood to Bender.

Upgrades to Berthusen House- roof and flooring.

Funds to move the Parks office to the shop area.

Additional pickup.

Plus, items from 5-year capital plan which will be updated in the next couple of weeks.

A. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Splash Park

Councilor Wohlrab will coordinate Spray days at Glenning Park on July 31, August 7, 21, & 28 from 11am-3pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:54pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 16, 2021 - Fair Week

ORDINANCE NO. __1614_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN, COUNTY OF WHATCOM, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.24.110 OF THE LYNDEN MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS ON TENNIS, BASKETBALL, AND PICKLEBALL COURTS, CLIMBING ON STRUCTURES, AND THE USE OF FOUL OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE IN CITY PARKS

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden (“City”) has experienced an increase in certain behavior among visitors to city parks that is damaging to park infrastructure or disruptive to the enjoyment of such parks by the wider public, including the use of skateboards and bicycles on tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts, climbing on structures, and using foul or obscene language; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the Lynden Municipal Code to expressly prohibit such behavior in its city parks to ensure such parks are safe and pleasant for all members of the public to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is declared to be an exercise of the policy power of the City of Lynden, and its provisions shall be liberally construed for the preservation and protection of the natural environment, public peace, health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing recitals are material findings and declarations of the Lynden City Counsel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 12.24.110 of the Lynden Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (formatting changes included in double underline text; amendment included in **bold text**):

Chapter 12.24 – CITY PARK

12.24.110 – Certain Acts and Conduct Prohibited

It is unlawful for any person to **engage in the following acts or conduct in any park of the city**:

- A. Throw stones or discharge any firearms.
- B. Drive carelessly.
- C. Make indecent exposure of person.
- D. Operate any gaming device.
- E. Disturb any public meeting.

- F. **Climb on any building, facility, apparatus, or improved area not specifically designated for climbing purposes.**
- G. **Be on the roof of any building or facility except as authorized for construction, repair, operations, or maintenance purposes.**
- H. **Disturb the peace of others by violent, disorderly, or offensive conduct, by making or causing to be made loud or unusual noises, or by using personally abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, obscene, or offensive language.**
- I. Be guilty of any act contrary to the laws of the State.
- J. **Operate or ride upon any bicycle, skateboard, or other device on any tennis, basketball, pickleball, or similar sports court.**

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases has been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if, for any reason, this ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original ordinance or ordinances shall be in full force and effect.

Section 3. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of November, 2019, and signed by the Mayor on the _____ day of November, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ACTION

Meeting Date: December 4, 2017 Department: Parks Contact Name/Phone: Vern Meenderinck 354-6717		Agenda Section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> New Business <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Unfinished Business							
Council Committee Review <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Agenda Item No.: _____							
Attachments: Resolution 983		Legal Review <input type="checkbox"/> Yes- Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No- Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required							
Name of Agenda Item: Resolution 983- 2018 Park Fees									
Summary Statement: In an effort to remain current on prices charged for usage at our parks and to remain competitive with other parks departments in the county a couple of changes and increases were requested to be made our fee structure. Notable changes for the year 2018 include the following: Add charges for groups that charge for participants to take classes and training that use park space. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">-Application Fee (One time)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-Groups up to 20 participants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$25.00 per month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-Groups over 20 participants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$40.00 per month</td> </tr> </table> Cricket Matches: \$100.00 per game All other fees for Parks remain the same. Parks Committee has reviewed and agreed to the proposed changes and additions to the fee schedule and recommends bringing the additions to Council for approval				-Application Fee (One time)	\$25.00	-Groups up to 20 participants	\$25.00 per month	-Groups over 20 participants	\$40.00 per month
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Recommended Action: A motion that Resolution 983 Amending Resolution 913, setting Park Fees be approved and that the mayor be authorized to sign said Resolution.									
Council Action:									