

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
TUESDAY February 22, 2022

Amy Landis called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Members present: John Niemants, Amy Landas, Emily Coll, and Kevin Pearson. April Burch was absent. Also present: John Rouse Director of Parks & Public Works, Superintendent Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guests: Greg Piklapp, Terry Moorman, Darci Newcomb and Jim Turbes
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Coll to approve the agenda seconded by Pearson. All Ayes
2. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: YES Committee for New Community Wellness/Rec Center – Terry Moorman and Greg Piklapp
Both representatives answered questions concerning the new proposed Wellness Center. The parking issue was brought up and the plan is to have 70 parking spots available beside the facility and in the public parking lot by Forte Studios. There would also be a drop off area on 7th street with remaining parking to be used for handicapped parking spots. Further fundraising is still in the works, but dependent on the vote passing. Future healthcare partnerships and retail options also dependent on the vote passing before proceeding with plans. The board offered suggestions to increase revenue by renting out the gym(s) for tournaments and/or local sports leagues.
4. Approve of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Pearson to approve the minutes seconded by Coll. All Ayes
5. Approval of monthly bills: February 14, 2022 (A short meeting was held to approve monthly bills. Landas asked for a motion. Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Niemants via phone.)

Park

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1459.06
CenturyLink	Telephone	71.69
Brad Rholl	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Kendall Hilsabeck	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Bomgaars	Buildings & Grounds	24.98
Portable Pro	Utilities	275.00
Van Wall Equipment, Inc.	Repairs / Equipment	95.63
Walters Sanitary Service	Utilities	197.12
R & W Power	Urban Forestry	114.34

Cemetery

Seth Janssen	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	75.00
Bomgaars	Buildings & Grounds	21.17
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance - Janssen	215.73
Century Link	Telephone	71.59

Pool

Misc.

6. Old Business:

- A.) Pickleball – Motion to create 6 courts at Memorial Park – Motion by Landas seconded by Niemants to approve the creation of pickleball courts at Memorial Park – this is contingent on the full amount to be provided by donations and grants and the money being managed by the Park Foundation. The Park Board would not be providing any financial assistance to the project.

7. New Business

- A.) Boone Pool Salaries and Prices 2022 – Darci Newcomb
Darci presented the Board with her proposal for wage increases for all pool employees and price increases for the 2022 season. In order to attract good employees and retain the previous workers, it's necessary to raise the hourly wages to compare/compete with other pool facilities in the area. This will be addressed further at the March meeting.
 - a. Pool Chemical Bids – only one bid was received for the 2022 pool chemicals. The company is ACCO. Total was approximately \$8,112 for the anticipated amounts needed for the season. Motion to accept the bid made by Niemants seconded by Coll. All Ayes
- B.) Hiring of new Park Department Employee – Mike Cornelis
There is a Park Maintenance opening in the Parks Department due to an employee transferring to Public Works. We have interviews scheduled for February 25th. Amy Landas has agreed to sit in at the interviews.
- C.) Library – discuss updates to Storywalk
Jamie Williams was not able to attend, but an update from the library about Storywalk was relayed to the board by Landas. They have received the posts and displays and now are looking for volunteers to dig the post holes and put up the displays. Since spring is a busy time for the Parks employees, we do not have any available labor to help with those tasks. There is also a proposal to install solar charging tables at the library green space and possibly in the area by the pool. There were concerns about upkeep expenses and how to keep the tables safe from vandalism. Landas will extend an invitation to Jamie Williams to come to a board meeting to discuss the project further.

- 8. Superintendent's Report – Sledding hill has been seeded/socks placed and waiting for spring to see what next steps are needed. The cemetery burials have increased for February compared to very low numbers in December and January.

- 9. Commissioner's Report - none

- 10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda - none

- 11. Adjournment - Niemants made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Coll. All ayes. Motion approved at 6:28 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 14TH AT 7 PM