

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

Landas called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

1. Roll Call: All members present: Amy Landas, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, Emily Coll and April Burch. Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cheric Angstrom. Guests: Darci Newcomb, Dan and Sandy Buss
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Burch to approve the agenda with change of order: move Mike Cornelis salary discussion from new business (A) to after Sandy Buss (C) seconded by Niemants. All Ayes
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approve of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Coll to approve the minutes seconded by Burch. All Ayes
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Burch seconded by Niemants. All Ayes

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1554.12
Century Link	Telephone	74.25
Brad Rholl	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Timothy Ponder	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	445.00
Ogden Telephone	Internet/Utilities	74.95
Walters Sanitary	Utilities	280.00
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maintenance	5.66
Int Society of Arborists	Travel/Conference Expense	165.00
Van Wall Equipment Inc.	Repairs/Equipment Maintenance	158.05
Boone Ace Hardware	Repairs/House/Shop	17.94
Dick's Fire Extinguishers	Buildings & Grounds	182.20
Penny Vossler	Urban Forestry	50.00
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance Rholl	99.95
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance Ponder	81.98
Bomgaars	Buildings & Grounds	24.99

Cemetery

Seth Jansssen	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	75.00
Troop 132 Wreaths	Building/Grounds	240.00
Dick's Fire Extinguishers	Building/Grounds	182.20
Shelby Lynn Designs	Clothing Allowance	120.00

Pool

American Red Cross	Services	780.00
Midwest Quality Wholesale	Pool Concession Supplies	90.15
Bomgaars	Supplies	66.90

Misc.

Portable Pro	Community Beautification	165.00
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6. Old Business: A. Re: Feeding of deer in parks and cemetery – Cornelis reported not much could be done about enforcing a ban on feeding deer in the parks and cemetery unless there was a new rule added or a new law created. There can be signs put up to suggest not feeding the deer without creating any new rules or laws. Mike will be in charge of putting up signs and a notice will be put in the next newsletter to inform the public.
- B. Boy Scout Cabin – After exhaustive efforts to rid the cabin of bats – traps, foam to fill gaps, cleaning, etc., it was decided the Boy Scout Cabin will need to be torn down. It is becoming a health issue and a liability. The demolition will take place at a time that will cause the least harm to the bat population and it is also suggested bat houses be built and put up to give the bats a new area to live. Scout troops will be notified this is something they could do as a group project or for an individual Eagle Scout project. Cornelis reported the cost of removal would most likely be covered by the City of Boone’s demolition budget. Motion was made by Coll to remove the Boy Scout Cabin, leaving the cement slab for future construction, seconded by Burch. All ayes
7. New Business:
- A. Discussion – Darci Newcomb proposed a new earlier swim time for children younger than 7 years. She suggested opening the pool to the younger age kids at noon to give families time to swim before nap time. They would only be allowed in the upper two pools during the noon to 1pm time slot. Children younger than 7 would need to be accompanied by an adult and prices would be the same. They have the option to stay past 1 pm, but this would allow earlier access to the pool. The Amcs pool has a similar program called Tot Time and it is from 11am to 1pm. There would be a few concerns with having a cashier start earlier and have a lifeguard available for the earlier time. The park commissioners all like the idea. Burch made a motion to support offering a new earlier swim time from noon to 1pm for younger children seconded by Pearson. All ayes
- B. Sandy Buss presented a letter (see attached) to the Park Commissioners that contains highlights of actual Park Board minutes from July of 1924. Buss wanted this letter to be included in our current minutes to confirm the intentions of J.B. and Ella McHose. The letter states that future use of the land donated is to be used for a park in the City of Boone. McHose Park should be used to facilitate outdoor recreation and enjoyment and preservation of its natural beauty. This became relevant since the proposal of a new wellness center had McHose Park as a possible location. Buss wanted to make sure there was a permanent reminder of the original minutes and details of the McHose donation of land. A resolution will be created to confirm the Park Commissioners agreement that a wellness or indoor recreation facility would not be the best use of the park property.
- C. Discussion – Recommendation for Mike Cornelis’ salary with new job title: Cornelis accepted the position of Director/Superintendent of Parks. This will be a promotion for Cornelis with an increase in salary of \$15,000 per year. A motion to approve a \$15,000 per year increase in Cornelis’ salary was made by Pearson seconded by Coll. All ayes
A resolution will be created with details of the position and starting date.
8. Superintendent’s Report – While making repairs to the pool gutters, an electrical line was cut. Cornelis has an electrician lined up to repair the electric line at a cost of approx. \$4500.
Depending on the weather and availability of the Fire Dept. staff, the ice skating rink should be filled sometime during the week of December 19th.
9. Commissioner’s Report – A short discussion was held about backfilling Cornelis’ position by creating foreman or supervisor position. This position could be filled internally with the option of hiring an additional employee. The commissioners will be evaluating current positions/pay to make sure the pay is enough to be able to retain current employees.
10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Sandy Buss had some questions about the upcoming ice skating season. She wanted to know what the hours would be and how many volunteers/workers would be needed. She also suggested having more skates available and would like to donate some skates if it’s known what sizes are needed. More information on hours and volunteer requirements will be posted on the City of Boone website and/or in the newsletter. Landas and Cornelis will do an inventory of the skates and see what sizes are needed.
11. Adjournment – Landas made a motion for adjournment seconded by Burch. All Ayes Motion approved at 7:58 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 9TH, 2023 AT 7 PM

From: DANIEL SANDRA Buss
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 10:00 AM
To: amyl@visionbank.com
Cc: DANIEL SANDRA Buss
Subject: agenda item for the Dec. 12, 2022

In light of recent events of the City Council and Citizens group to build an indoor recreational facility in McHose Park, I feel it is necessary to reintroduce into the Park Board minutes the exact words of Ella and J.B. McHose-Gift to Boone be forever inserted to create a permanent digital record of reference. On July 25, 1924 the McHose' presented an offer to the Park Commission, to donate some 125 acres of woodland owned by them, and at the same time, offered to assume the entire costs of obtaining additional acreages, subject to their approval, and donate them to the Park Board as well. A copy of this proposed offer is pasted on page #272 of the Park Board minutes and is cited below for reference.

"Gentlemen:

The undersigned believing that the present park area now possessed by the Board is inadequate either to the present or future needs of our people and Whereas, there is immediately adjoining the park on the south several tracts of land aggregating approximately eighty acres of rough land, now, for the most part covered with a fine growth of young or second growth timber of most of our native species, such as; hard maple, oak, elm, ash, linn, etc., which ought to be made secure for the instruction and enjoyment of our people for all time before its natural beauty has been destroyed, we make the following offer (to the Park Board, to wit:)

If the board will secure such of these lands as may best be adapted to park purposes by purchase or condemnation as may be necessary, and that meet our approval, we will meet the entire expense incident to acquiring the title and present the same to the Park Board, and the people of Boone free from cost to them as our contribution to the community betterment."

/s/ J.B. McHose /s/ Ella McHose

As time passes, the history (and previous old minutes) are easily lost or forgotten along with the people who made them. It is crucial to McHose Park preservation to keep this gift to the City as J. B. and Ella McHose intended.

As a precedent, to date, only those structures facilitating outdoor recreation necessary to support an outdoor function and causing minimal natural impact have been allowed. (such as checkroom, showers, restrooms, pumphouse, outdoor pool, warming hut for skating rink, outdoor pavilion, scout cabin, etc., have been built or allowed or the rebuild or rehab of existing structures have later been allowed. This precedent needs to be maintained to be in accordance with the accepted agreement accepted by the Park Commission on July 25, 1924.

Please consider voting on and passing these conditions for the permanent and legal record of reference for all future Park Commissions.

Thank you,
Sandy Buss
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows