

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023**

Landas called the meeting to order at 6:55p.m.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Amy Landas, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, and April Burch. Absent: Emily Coll. Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guests: Jim Grabau, Merrill Tam, Barb McDougall and the middle school EXCEL class
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Burch to approve the agenda switching the order of the first two items: 7. A and 7. B allowing the EXCEL class to present first. Motion seconded by Pearson. All Ayes
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approve of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Niemants to approve the minutes seconded by Burch. All Ayes
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Pearson seconded by Burch. All Ayes

**Parks**

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1416.46
Century Link	Telephone	74.25
Brad Rholl	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Timothy Ponder	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	282.50
Ogden Telephone	Internet/Utilities	74.95
Walters Sanitary	Utilities	280.00
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maintenance	193.97
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maintenance	79.34
Arnold Motor Supply	Supplies	12.80
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maintenance	6.59
R & W Power	Urban Forestry	126.00
Heartland Tire & Auto	Repairs/Equipment Maintenance	188.00
MNG Inc.	Buildings & Grounds	400.00
Staples Advantage	Office Supplies	89.14
Bomgaars	Buildings & Grounds	19.99

**Cemetery**

Seth Jansssen	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
R & W Power	Repairs/Equipment	16.85
Bomgaars	Building/Grounds	28.97

**Misc.**

Portable Pro	Community Beautification Greenspace	165.00
Portable Pro	Utilities/Sirens/Civil DF	82.50

6. Old Business: A. none

7. New Business:

- A. Boone Middle School EXCEL Class – Canine Corral: Barb McDougall and the middle school EXCEL class presented a slide show proposing updates and new equipment to improve the dog park. The slideshow was presented by the students and highlighted needs of the park. Some of the equipment needs to be replaced and there is broken glass and rotting wood that needs to be cleaned up. They would like to see new toys and obstacles added to the park. After the presentation, Burch asked if they had a budget in mind for what the cost would be for their proposed improvements. They did not have a budget amount available but estimated around \$500 for the new equipment and the students would donate their time to help clean up and fix the safety issues. The commissioners all agreed the presentation was informative and the students had good ideas for the dog park.
- B. Fareway – donation for Disc Golf: This discussion will be tabled until the meeting in February. Emily Coll was absent and she has information to share concerning this item.
- C. Jim Grabau – McHose Tennis Courts: Currently, there is a sign at the McHose Tennis Courts that recognizes outstanding Boone tennis players. Grabau proposed putting up another sign to recognize coaches and their accomplishments. Information included would be years as a coach, win/loss statistics and number of state qualifiers during their coaching careers. This would be at no cost to the Park Commission. Grabau was asking permission to put the sign up. Motion by Pearson to allow the sign to be posted at the tennis courts seconded by Burch. All ayes. Motion passed. This project is expected to be finished by spring with a small ceremony in time for tennis season.
- D. Discussion – Backfilling Cornelis’ position and possible new hire: The commissioners were in agreement with Cornelis -there should be a foreman/supervisor position created to fill the open position left when Cornelis was promoted to Director/Superintendent. The board was also in agreement that the new position should be filled internally, promoting a current employee with pay raises for other current park and cemetery employees. Salary amount for the new position and pay increases will be discussed in more detail after Cornelis researches what exactly is left in the budget and reports back to the Park Commissioners for further discussion. There would still be a need to fill an entry level position once the chosen employee gets promoted to foreman/supervisor. Cornelis will discuss with Bill Skare to find out when he should ask for additional money for another employee.

8. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Regarding money for play equipment: Cornelis said there is \$50,000 in the budget for play equipment. This is in addition to \$50,000 set aside for matching grants for new play equipment. Grants need to be applied for and awarded to receive the match. Starting in 2024, the city council will be evaluating conditions and usage of all parks in the city to identify future needs. Cornelis reported the ice rink has not been filled due to bad weather the week it was supposed to be done and warmer weather in the near future. Once the conditions are good, they will try and get it filled. Inventory was done on skates and there are 38 pairs of skates with a pretty good variety of sizes. Cornelis will be attending the Park Foundation meeting and mentioned the Pratt Fenton Grant. If this grant money is awarded, he would like to purchase two new large outdoor grills and six smaller grills for the parks. Jackson Electric is the company doing electrical repairs to the pool. It’s not finished yet because there is an ice blockage surrounding the area that needs to be repaired. Also, the cost will be more since more concrete needed to be removed than originally thought.

9. Commissioner’s Report – Landas was contacted by Sandy Buss. Buss wanted reassurance that the information about the McHose donation of land would be included in hard copy and digital minutes and especially wanted to make sure the date of donation (July 25, 1924) was included in this information. Angstrom verified the date is included in the letter Buss submitted to the Commission and a copy of that letter is attached to the minutes for December 12, 2022. The minutes for all Park Board meetings are stored electronically in addition to hard copies in the minute book stored at City Hall. Penny Vossler volunteered to help with updating maps and creating an app to highlight the amenities of each of the parks in the city of Boone. This was very much appreciated and Burch will work with Vossler to get this completed.

10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Merrill Tam had a few questions for the board:  
Are the restrooms at Cap Erbe Park repaired? Yes, they have been repaired and will be open in the spring.  
Is the rumor true that Milwaukee Park is going to be sold? No plans to sell Milwaukee Park at this time.  
What is the status of the Scout Cabin? The cabin will be demolished, hopefully before spring.  
Is the sledding hill open? Yes. Outdoor portable toilets are in place. Conditions will improve when there is more snow.  
What’s the timeline for getting the pickleball courts finished? No timeline set - it depends on the schedule of the company doing the work, hopefully done in the spring or early summer.

11. Adjournment – Niemants made a motion for adjournment seconded by Pearson. All Ayes Motion approved at 8:00 p.m.

Commission Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Commission President \_\_\_\_\_