

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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

1. Roll Call: Members present: Amy Landas, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, and Emily Coll. Absent: April Burch
Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guests: Darci Newcomb, Jim Turbes
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Coll to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Pearson. All Ayes
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approve of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Coll to approve the minutes seconded by Pearson. All Ayes
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Niemants seconded by Coll. All Ayes

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1,999.03
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment/Maint	24.00
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Century Link	Utilities	74.78
Walters Sanitary Service	Utilities	280.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	282.50
Ace Hardware	Repairs/Equipment/Maint	.69
Hiway Truck Equipment Inc.	Repairs/Equipment/Maint	620.92
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
Bomgaars	Urban Forestry	55.97
Les's Automotive Shop	Repairs/Equipment/Maint	1,061.96
Ogden Telephone Co	Utilities	74.95
Timothy Ponder	Telephone	19.00

Cemetery

Ramaker & Associates	Office Supplies	700.00
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00
Seth Janssen	Clothing Allowance	190.02

Pool

Enterprise Electric	Repairs	121.26
American Red Cross	Services	360.00
Jax Electrical Services	Repairs	7,059.14

Misc.

Portable Pro	Misc/Supplies	82.50
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6. Old Business: A. none

7. New Business:

- A. Disc Golf donations and grants – Fareway has offered money in the amount of \$2,500 for the Disc Golf course in exchange for naming it Fareway Disc Golf. Since \$6,000 has already been invested in the course, Coll thought the amount wasn't enough to use the Fareway name for the whole course. Instead of naming the course, it was decided to offer sponsorships for each tee. Coll said each tee could have a sponsor's name on a sign for a specified amount to be determined. Landas wanted to make sure the sponsor fee would be more than the cost of the sign making sure we would be more than breaking even. Coll recommended a three year commitment of sponsorship instead of an indefinite amount of time. The city attorney will be contacted to make sure it is allowed to have business names on the course or the tees before moving forward with a plan.
- B. Discuss pool lifeguard wages, increase to pool parties, entry and annual membership costs – Darci Newcomb proposed increasing the wages of lifeguards and pool/swimming lesson staff. Newcomb also proposed increasing pool fees for the upcoming season. It is becoming increasingly difficult to hire/retain lifeguards and other workers since they are in demand and other facilities are paying more for their staff. By increasing the pool fees, it will help offset the money needed for increased wages. After researching surrounding communities, Newcomb discovered we are considerably lower on our fees to use the pool, especially pool parties. Even with raising our prices, we are still lower than other facilities. Proposed increase in wages is \$2.50 per hour more than base pay for staff/swim instructors. Proposed increase for pool fees would be: Daily admission \$1 more, season passes \$20 per pass more. Parties would be increased according to size: 15 people or less – new price of \$120, 16-30 people \$150, 31-60 people \$200, 61 -90 people \$250, 91 or more people \$300. Landas made a motion to increase pool fees per new rates seconded by Coll. All ayes. Landas made an additional motion to amend the previous motion to add punch cards proposing new price of \$55 each seconded by Niemants. All ayes. Coll made a motion for an increase of \$2.50 per hour (base pay) for wages of pool staff including swim instructors seconded by Pearson. All ayes.
- C. Scout Cabin removal timeline – After speaking with city administrator Bill Skare, Cornelis reported the timeline for the demolition of the scout cabin will be at least a month out. Cornelis will contact a representative of the Boy Scouts to make arrangements to get any items important to the scouts out of the cabin before it is torn down.
- D. Request for Cornelis to pursue applying for the Leonard Good Grant and Lowrey Grant to be used for play equipment – Landas made a motion to approve Cornelis to apply for grants seconded by Coll. All ayes.
- E. Request for Cornelis to attend the Shade Tree Short Course Tuesday, February 21 and Wednesday, February 22, 2023- Coll made a motion to allow Cornelis to attend the Shade Tree Short Course seconded by Pearson. All ayes.
- F. Request for Cornelis to attend Leadership training seminar at the Iowa Employment Conference held April 5-6, 2023 – Pearson made a motion to approve Cornelis to attend Leadership training seminar seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

8. Superintendent/Director's Report – Cornelis reported they are starting to remove the decking from the old skate pond. The building will be removed at a later date. Teddy Roosevelt Loop has been blocked off to traffic due to muddy conditions. The main road to McHose Park will probably be closed this week since more rain and snow is forecasted. Pool repairs were anticipated to be \$4500, but since more concrete needed to be removed and additional labor, the final bill was \$7,059. Although we don't budget for emergencies, there is money available for these types of expenses.

9. Commissioner's Report – none

10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – none

11. Adjournment – Coll made a motion for adjournment seconded by Landas. All Ayes Motion approved at 8:25 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 13TH, 2023 AT 7 PM