

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023**

Coll called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Members present:, Emily Coll, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, Amy Landas and April Burch
Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Burch 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 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	1,623.82
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maint.	5.78
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maint.	2.89
Century Link	Telephone	97.39
R & W Power	Urban forestry	199.98
Walters Sanitary Service	Buildings & Grounds	422.13
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
Ogden Telephone Co	Telephone	74.95
Timothy Ponder	Telephone	19.00

Cemetery

Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment	54.47
R & W Power	Build/Grounds	258.81
Van Wall Equipment, Inc.	Repairs/Equipment	33.24
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	32.99
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Pool

IA Dept. of Public Health Pool Registration	Services	140.00
Dept. of Inspection and Appeals	Pool Concession Supplies	150.00

6. Old Business:

- A. Arbor Day – Coll said Arbor Day is April 28th this year and since it’s on a Friday, she thought any plans to celebrate should be on the following Saturday, April 29th. Cornelis reported there is money that was donated by the Finnestad family in honor of Rich Finnestad. The money could be used to purchase some larger trees to plant. Another option was suggested by the family to purchase a basket for the disc golf course. Cornelis and Coll will coordinate with schools, scouts and other organizations to see who would be willing to participate in planting trees in honor of Arbor Day on Saturday, April 29th.
- B. Playground Equipment – park options and what type/age group for equipment
Cornelis wanted to get an idea of what size and style before getting pricing. This was discussed and all were in favor of putting up a good size playground at Franklin Park and if any money is left over, to put some smaller items in Milwaukee Park. Cornelis will get pricing for playground equipment using approximately 5,000 feet of space in Franklin Park. If necessary, they could remove a set of swings to free up more space. Mike will have pricing and theme options at the May meeting.

7. New Business:

- A. Columbarium – permission to allow military emblems on columbarium niches
All members of the commission thought families should be able to honor the veterans that have spaces in the niches. Burch made a motion to approve allowing the 1.5 inch military emblems on the columbarium niches seconded by Pearson. All ayes

- B. Resolution # 138 – Shelter Rental Increases
Ayes: Burch, Coll, Landas, Niemants and Pearson Resolution passed

- C. Discussion – removing downed trees in McHose Park by the public
Interested volunteers want to know if they can help with cleanup of downed trees in McHose Park. Pearson has been in contact with Andy from the DNR. Andy uses volunteers and they use power tools and saws to help in the park. He has a liability waiver they have to sign before doing any work. Coll suggested having supervised work days where volunteers could help, possibly one in the spring and one in the fall. We would require a signed liability waiver, and protective and high visible clothing (vest, boots, etc.) would be required. They would be using their own vehicles and tools/equipment and be supervised by Park employees or Park commissioners. Cornelis and Pearson will check with the city insurance carrier and Jim Robbins to clarify what needs to be done. They will report their findings at the May meeting.

- 8. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Cornelis contacted the contractor for the Pickleball court and they are still several weeks out to start work. Although it would have been preferable to have the work start this spring, we have no control over the contractor’s timeline. Pool gutters have been pieced together and the electrical work is done. Jet Drain will be pouring the concrete to finish this project. Resolution # 136 that was approved at the March meeting did not have all of the pool positions listed to receive the \$2.50 per hour increase in wages. Coll made a motion to create a resolution to increase the wages by \$2.50 per hour for the following positions: Certified Lifeguard Lessons, Non-certified Assistant Lessons, Experienced Water Safety Instructor and beginning Water Safety Instructor. Motion seconded by Burch. All ayes

- 9. Commissioner’s Report – Re: Story Walk – Pearson has reached out to Lindsey Hyman to see if they will be updating the story boards. He hasn’t heard back from Lindsey.

- 10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Representatives from the Boone Slow Pitch organization wanted to let the board know there will be a summer softball league. They have nine teams already signed up. The league charges \$250 per team and the reps wanted to know should be done with the money collected. Landas told them to keep the money in an account that can be used for field maintenance and other costs. If larger projects come up, requests for money would go through the Park Foundation. Maintenance and smaller projects should go through Boone Parks Director – Mike Cornelis.

- 11. Adjournment – Pearson made a motion for adjournment seconded by Burch. All Ayes Motion approved at 7:40 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 8, 2023 AT 7 PM