

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

Landas called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, Amy Landas, Susan Thorngren, and David Sherry
Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guests: Randy Habrich and John Hood
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sherry to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Pearson. All Ayes.
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Pearson to approve the minutes seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills made by Pearson seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.

Parks

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| Alliant Energy | Utilities | 1,524.00 |
| Arnold Motor Supply | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 94.25 |
| Arnold Motor Supply | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 42.31 |
| Arnold Motor Supply | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 3.79 |
| Arnold Motor Supply | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 9.76 |
| Arnold Motor Supply | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 102.85 |
| Bomgaars | Clothing Allowance | 129.98 |
| Bomgaars | Clothing Allowance | 19.99 |
| Boone Ace Hardware | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 5.46 |
| Boone Ace Hardware | Buildings & Grounds | 28.49 |
| Boone Ace Hardware | Buildings & Grounds | 26.57 |
| Bradley Rholl | Telephone | 19.00 |
| Century Link | Telephone | 95.02 |
| Ken Slaba | Telephone | 19.00 |
| Portable Pro | Buildings & Grounds | 125.00 |
| Portable Pro | Buildings & Grounds | 75.00 |
| Portable Pro | Buildings & Grounds | 75.00 |
| Walters Sanitary Service | Buildings & Grounds | 280.00 |

Cemetery

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| Portable Pro | Buildings & Grounds | 75.00 |
| Ramaker & Associates Inc. | Office Supplies | 950.00 |
| Seth Janssen | Telephone | 19.00 |
| Zellmer Buildings | Cemetery/Imprv & Equip | 20,000.00 |

Pool

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| Boone Ace Hardware | Repairs | 11.96 |
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Misc

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| Portable Pro (Greenspace) | Utilities | 165.00 |
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6. Old Business:

A. 2024 Play Structure: \$50,000 available for replacement in an existing park: Milwaukee and Cap Erbe Parks swing replacement and additional play equipment – Mike Cornelis
Cornelis suggested designating Milwaukee Park for the updates since it is an older park and could use some new play equipment and improvements.
There are federal grants that could be applied for to obtain money to do more updates to Cap Erbe Park. David Sherry has experience writing grants and will help with finding available grants and applying for grant money. Landas made a motion to designate Milwaukee Park to utilize the \$50,000 available for replacing existing play equipment seconded by Thorngren. All ayes.

7. New Business:

A. Resolution # 142 – Salary increases for Parks/Cemetery non-union employees
Resolution #142 was voted on: Landas aye, Pearson aye, Niemants aye, Thorngren aye, and Sherry aye. Resolution approved.

8. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Duties performed in the last month: Parks – cleaned Gutierrez Shelter, hung eight bat houses in McHose Park (built and donated by DMACC honors student Ashley Koenigs), still pursuing grants for Franklin Park play equipment upgrade to reach the maximum amount for matching funds. Urban Forestry – Removed hazardous branches and trees, removed trees at 616 Harrison St. (Demo house). Tree City USA application submitted for review/approval. Pool – ordered two 16’ Duraflex diving boards (\$10,000). Cemetery – three traditional burials for the month, settled graves with water and leveled off with topsoil. 62 total burials for 2023: 40 cremations and 22 traditional burials.

9. Commissioner’s Report – The new commissioners will set up a time to meet with Mike Cornelis to ask questions and get familiar with the workings of the Parks Department and Cemetery. Thorngren said someone was interested in the Adopt A Park program. Information is available on Boone’s website. Thorngren also said the Erbe family would like to paint/refurbish the sign at Cap Erbe Park. Cornelis said they should contact him to coordinate the project. Thorngren asked what the turnaround time is to get new play equipment. Cornelis said it is approximately seven months to receive the order and set it up.

10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Part-time Park employees Randy Habrich and John Hood wanted to thank the commissioners for extending the work season for the part-time workers. They both enjoy working at the parks and cemetery and appreciate the longer work season.

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

Commission Secretary _____ Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024 AT 7 PM