

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**

David Sherry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1,622.63
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maint	9.27
Boone Ace Hardware	Repairs/Equipment Maint	12.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Vandalism	12.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Vandalism	5.55
Century Link	Telephone	79.04
Ogden Telephone	Utilities	74.95
Portable Pro	Services	255.00
Walters Sanitary Service Inc	Buildings & Grounds	280.00

Cemetery

Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	2.59
Bomgaars	Cemetery/Imprv & Equip	84.93
Boone Ace Hardware	Build/Grounds	52.58
Boone Ace Hardware	Build/Grounds	26.99
Brown Electric	Cemetery/Imprv & Equip	1,594.77
Builders First Source	Cemetery/Imprv & Equip	121.98
Builders First Source	Cemetery/Imprv & Equip	60.99

Pool

Iowa Dept Public Health	Services	140.00
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6. Old Business:
 - A. Resolution #143- Resolution approving the purchase of play equipment for Milwaukee Park
Resolution #143 was voted on: Pearson aye, Niemants aye, Thorngren aye, and Sherry aye. Landas was absent. Resolution approved. Cornelis will choose the color(s) of the play equipment. Sherry and Cornelis wrote a grant request for \$5,000 from the City of Boone to help with the cost. Cornelis will submit for consideration.
7. New Business:
 - A. 2024 Pool Chemical Bids – There were two bids received: Acco Unlimited Corporation and Hawkins, Inc. The lowest bid came from Acco Unlimited. Pearson made a motion to accept the bid from Acco Unlimited Corporation, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

B. Pickleball – Larry Kelley

a. installation of wind screen – The pickleball group wanted to get permission to install a wind screen on three sides of the courts. The fourth side is protected by a line of trees. The screens would be installed in the Spring and down in the Fall by members of the pickleball group. They would like the parks department to store them in the winter.

Thorngren made a motion to approve the installation of the wind screens seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

b. approval for June 29th pickleball tournament – Kelley asked permission to hold a pickleball tournament on Saturday, June 29, 2024, that will take up most of the day. Pearson made a motion to allow a pickleball tournament to be held on June 29, 2024 from 9am to 5pm seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

c. installation of 3” drainage tubing at the inside base of the chain link fencing to prevent balls from going out under the fence – Cornelis had a concern with vandals tearing the tubing out. A test area will be installed and approved by Cornelis before doing the whole area. Pearson made a motion to allowing installation of 3” drainage tubing inside the base of the chain link fence after Cornelis approves of the test area seconded by Thorngren. All ayes.

d. approval of a gate to be made for the gap between the former tennis net posts to prevent balls from entering the other court and behind players – The board suggested a prototype of the gate should be presented to Cornelis or the park commission for approval before actual installation. Thorngren made a motion to approve putting in a gate where the former tennis posts were located pending approval by Cornelis or the park commission seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

C. City of Boone Website updates -Thorngren proposed updating the parks department section on the City of Boone Boone’s website with more new pictures with links to maps of each of the parks. Cornelis will check and see what, if any, limitations would apply when making changes and additions to the website.

D. Cap Erbe Park Sign -Thorngren said she and Cornelis met with Dave Huffman. He has volunteered to take the Cap Erbe Park sign, repair, re-paint and reinstall the sign when finished. It is very much appreciated.

E. Park Commission agenda: moving public comments towards the start of the meeting – Thorngren made a motion to move public comments at the Park Commission meetings towards the start of the meeting after approval of monthly bills and before old business seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

8. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Progress on the new cemetery building: The shell of the building is up, and concrete has been poured and soon will be the ceiling insulation. The electrical meter needed to be upgraded, which wasn’t a planned expense. Cornelis attended a three-day Shade Tree course in February. The Little League was notified of past due bills for the Alliant Energy bill. Cemetery part-time help: one employee will be starting work on April 1st.
9. Commissioner’s Report – There was a complaint about the dog park not having much grass and lots of weeds. It would be difficult to maintain grass in that area, but Cornelis said wood chips would be brought in closer to Spring to help reduce the mud. Cornelis will look into a press release to let the public know about the planned improvements at Milwaukee Park. Cornelis presented samples of new ice rink material that would be used instead of water/ice. This could allow a longer skate season without the warm weather delays. This information was provided to show what other options are available since the weather has prevented the opening of the skate rink for the last few years. Thorngren suggested putting a TV monitor in the park office meeting room. It would be helpful to share pictures, presentations, and other meeting documents on a big screen. Cornelis will look into this.
10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Jim Turbes suggested more play equipment is needed at Anderson Park. The park commission will take this into consideration.
11. Adjournment – Pearson made a motion for adjournment seconded by Thorngren. All Ayes. Motion approved at 8:20 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____