

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

Landas called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Amy Landas, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, David Sherry, Susan Thorngren.
Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guest: Merrill Tam
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sherry to approve the agenda, 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 Sherry. 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	1,758.01
Amazon Capital Services	Repairs/Equipment Maint	56.64
Arnold Motor Supply	Gas & Oil	6.09
Boland Recreation	Park Equipment	2,800.00
Bomgaars	Urban Forestry	29.48
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	20.97
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	9.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	3.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	88.97
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
Brown Electric	Buildings & Grounds	226.77
CenturyLink	Telephone	78.25
Golden Valley Hardscape	Buildings & Grounds	500.00
Heartland Tire & Auto	Repairs/Equipment Maint	15.00
Kenneth Slaba	Telephone	19.00
Ogden Telephone	Utilities	74.95
Portable Pro	Buildings & Grounds	120.00
Walters Sanitary Service Inc	Buildings & Grounds	444.00
Walters Sanitary Service Inc	Buildings & Grounds	140.00

Cemetery

Boone Ace Hardware	Build/Grounds	30.96
Portable Pro	Build/Grounds	120.00
R & W Power	Repairs/Equipment	97161.85
Salama Greenhouse Inc	Flowers/Plants	416.00
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00

Pool

Acco Unlimited Corp	Chemicals	1,430.40
Amazon Capital Services Inc.	Equipment/Tools	14.98
Amazon Capital Services Inc.	Supplies	20.98
Boone Ace Hardware	Repairs	31.99
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Lester Refrigeration	Repairs	273.40
Midwest Quality Wholesale	Supplies	320.08

6. Old Business:

A. Resolution #146 – Franklin Playground Equipment

The resolution approving the purchase of play equipment for Franklin Park and allow Mike Cornelis to sign the sales agreement was voted on: Landas -aye, Pearson – aye, Sherry – aye, Niemants – aye, and Thorngren – aye. Resolution approved.

7. New Business:

A. Project “Be the Light” – Project “Be the Light” is an organization through the Boone County Hospital and the Boone Hospital foundation that supports cancer patients in Boone County. They would like permission to reserve the pickleball courts to hold a “Glow” Pickleball Tournament either September 19th and 20th or September 27th and 28th to raise money for the project. Sherry made a motion to allow Project “Be the Light” to hold a “Glow” Pickleball tournament reserving the pickleball courts for two days in September, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

B. Resolution # 147 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Salary Increases to the Full-Time Non-Union Employees of the Parks/Cemetery Department of the City of Boone

The resolution was voted on: Landas – aye, Pearson – aye, Sherry – aye, Niemants – aye, and Thorngren – aye. Resolution approved.

C. Pickleball parking – There have been issues with parking at Memorial Park. Som of the posts were missing along the alley and cars have been parked between the posts and on the grass and some on residential properties. The Parks Department replaced the missing posts and posted signs to designate no parking areas. So far, that seems to be working. Sherry suggested looking at the horseshoe pits as an option for a parking area or find another area in Memorial Park to put in a parking lot. Discussion about a new parking area will be tabled until later.

D. Subject Matter Expert (SME) Committees – Thorngren has been working on a project to create committees consisting of commissioners, community members and local experts in each of the areas of the Parks Dept. There will be two types of committees: Committee A category will require a larger amount of time and commitment and Committee B category will be smaller and require less time and commitment. These meetings will take place outside of the regular Park Commission monthly meeting time. Some of the items that will be discussed in these committee meetings will be understanding budgets, sharing concerns from the public, creating projects, involving resources from the community, etc. Park commissioners will be looking over the material and letting Thorngren know which committees they would like to be a member of.

E. Budget discussion and **F.** Strategic Plan Design – Landas asked to schedule a work session after the July meeting to discuss the budget. City administrator and city financial officer will be invited to meet with the park commissioners to discuss budget questions, planning, spending, revenue, and monthly reports. Cornelis has been working on an inventory of park assets in the different areas of the park department assets and evaluating their condition to identify future needs and projects. If everyone can attend the work session, there will be a short regular monthly meeting held one hour earlier at 6 pm with the work session held after.

8. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Lots of clean-up from the storms – large limbs to pick up and trees down requiring three workers 6 hours a day for two weeks to get it cleaned up. The pool passed State Inspection. The pool heater needs repaired and should be getting fixed sometime this week. The pool now has a working phone. Finishing up the new play area at Milwaukee Park. Volunteers came out and weeded and cleaned up the Welcome to Boone sign on S Story St. and Hwy 30. The lights at the pickleball courts at Memorial Park are not working consistently. The best fix would be to install LED fixtures/lighting. The price would be around \$3,000. Cornelis will investigate switching to LED fixtures and report back to the commission.

9. Commissioner’s Report – none

10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Merrill Tam said the Boone Garden Club is making improvements to the McHose Park flower bed near the public restrooms. They would like help removing a pine type bush/tree that is growing there. Cornelis agreed to have park staff remove it.

11. Adjournment – Pearson made a motion for adjournment seconded by Sherry. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____