

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**

Sherry called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Roll Call: Members present: John Niemants, Kevin Pearson and Susan Thorngren, Marc Peter, and David Sherry
Also present: Mike Cornelis, Cherie Angstrom, Drew Demery, and Seth Janssen
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Pearson, seconded by Thorngren. All Ayes.
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the December meetings made by Pearson seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion by Peter to approve the monthly bills with a correction to line for Dick's Fire Extinguisher \$204 should be for the cemetery not parks, seconded by Thorngren. All Ayes.
6. Public Comment on items not on agenda: none

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1,334.80
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maint	189.12
Arnold Motor Supply	Buildings & Grounds	327.98
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance	109.99
Bomgaars	Buildings & Grounds	47.13
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	15.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Repairs/Equipment Maint	5.70
Boone Ace Hardware	Repairs/Equipment Maint	2.82
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	16.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Equipment	19.99
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
Dick's Fire Extinguisher Svc	Buildings & Grounds	293.20
Drew Demery	Telephone	19.00
Iowa Water and Waste Systems LLC	Buildings & Grounds	8,000.00
Ogden Telephone Co	Telephone	84.95
Ogden Telephone Co	Utilities	74.95
Portable Pro	Buildings & Grounds	255.00
Staples Advantage	Office Supplies	87.10
Top & Body Repair	Repairs/Equipment Maint	331.00
Walters Sanitary Service Inc	Buildings & Grounds	560.00
Walters Sanitary Service Inc	Buildings & Grounds	280.00

Cemetery

Amazon Capital Services Inc	Repairs/Equipment	45.96
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment	40.20
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	47.95
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	13.36
Dick's Fire Extinguisher Svc	Buildings & Grounds	204.00

Pritchard Bros Plumbing	Build/Grounds	565.90
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00

- 7. Old Business:**
- A. 10 year plan outline for Parks Department** – Park inventories have been done, spreadsheets organized, and outline started. The commissioners reviewed the survey from ISU and discussed comments from the survey. Work sessions will be scheduled in the next few weeks to get a plan ready to present to the city council.
- 8. New Business:**
- A. Electing new Commission Officers-** Sherry made a motion to elect Kevin Pearson as the Chair, Susan Thorngren as the Vice chair and David Sherry as the spokesperson for the Park Commission, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.
- B. Request permission for Mike Cornelis to attend the Shade Tree Short Course at ISU Feb. 18-** Cornelis said if he registers before February 6th, it is a reduced ray of \$260 for the class. Pearson made a motion to give Cornelis permission to attend the Shade Tree Short Course at ISU on February 18th, seconded by Thorngren. All ayes.
- C. Review building rental fees** – Cornelis proposed raising the rental rate for park shelters – raising the half-days by \$30 and the full days by \$35 and raising the scout weekends by \$30. Peter made a motion to approve the price increases, seconded by Niemants. Ayes – Sherry, Pearson, Niemants, Peter. Nays – Thorngren. A resolution will be made to approve this increase.
- D. Linwood Park Cemetery – Review cemetery rules**
- a. Review 24 and 48 hour notice for Monday burials going into the weekend** – Cornelis was looking for clarification/agreement on what a 48 hour notice would be over a weekend. It was decided that Sunday didn't count towards the 48 hour notice. funeral homes that need to schedule a Monday burial will need to notify cemetery staff by noon on the Thursday before the weekend.
- b. Review charges for private cremation burials** – Cornelis proposed charging \$100 more for private cremation burials since they require more work from the cemetery staff. Pearson made a motion to approve a \$100 increase in the charges for private cremation burials, seconded by Thorngren. All ayes. A resolution will be made to approve changes to the cemetery rules/prices.
- E. Discuss longevity pay for Department Head (Park Director/Superintendent)** – Cornelis reported department heads are eligible for longevity pay and asked the board if they would approve the pay raise. A resolution will be made to approve longevity pay for Cornelis.
- 9. Superintendent/Director's Report** – Cornelis gave a review of the last five months: Ice rink open 5 days intermittently, 12 days above freezing with 14 days above 40 degrees. 59 total burials in the cemetery and 17 spaces sold. Stumps from right of ways and park have been removed with 44 remaining in the cemetery. Three new roofs at Cap Erbe open air shelters and the Ella McHose Shelter in Teddy Roosevelt circle. Lots of issues mowing this year due to wet conditions and so far, this winter roughly 100 man hours plowing snow in McHose, Linwood and city parks.
- 10. Commissioner's Report** – Pearson asked if the Park Dept. could request money from Hotel Motel Tax and Cornelis thought it would be allowed but will check for next year. Thorngren said the ice rink availability has been spotty due to warm weather and the Skate with Santa had to be cancelled. They are still planning a ribbon cutting with the Iowa Wild since it was also postponed due to warm weather. Thorngren also said a hockey clinic is being planned. A proposal to change the park meeting time to 6 pm was discussed. Everyone agreed an earlier time would be good. A resolution will be made to change the Park Commission meeting time to 6 pm on the second Monday of the month.
- 11. Adjournment** – Pearson made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Niemants. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026 AT 7 PM