

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

Landas called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Amy Landas, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, and April Burch. Absent: Emily Coll. Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guest: Jennifer Hanson
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Burch to approve the agenda seconded by Pearson. All Ayes
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approve of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Pearson to approve the minutes seconded by Burch. All Ayes
5. Approval of monthly bills: Landas pointed out the bill from Alliant for the Little League Park was over \$300 dollars last month. There were several days the Little League Park was without electricity during last month and there isn't much activity at the park this time of year. This will need to be checked out with Alliant to see why there is that much being charged for the month and verify the charges.
Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Burch seconded by Niemants. All Ayes

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1,682.32
Century Link	Telephone	74.05
Brad Rholl	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Timothy Ponder	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	275.00
Ogden Telephone	Internet/Utilities	74.95
Walters Sanitary	Utilities	626.40
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Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	38.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Office Supplies	17.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	.69
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	7.59
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	12.95
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	19.98
D & J Complete Tree Service	Urban Forestry	23,400.00
Brown Electric	Park Insurance Repairs	391.23
Pritchard Bros Plumbing	Park Insurance Repairs	2,864.00
Pritchard Bros Plumbing	Repairs/House/Shop	92.00
Jenkins Iron & Steel	Equipment	2,600.00
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance	122.95
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Bomgaars	Buildings & Grounds	19.99
DGA	Buildings & Grounds	950.00
Nice Rink	Buildings & Grounds	3,029.99
Mike Cornelis	Clothing Allowance	200.00
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Cemetery

Seth Jansssen	Cell Reimbursement	19.00
Portable Pro	Utilities	75.00
Bomgaars	Building/Grounds	106.89

Misc.

Portable Pro	Community Beautification	165.00
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6. Old Business: none

7. New Business:

- A. Pufferbilly Days - Jennifer Hanson, representing the Boone Chamber, proposed bringing back Art in the Park for Pufferbilly Days this year. It will be held on Sunday, August 6th. The plan is to have beer, wine and food available along with crafts and possibly a car show in addition to the one usually downtown on Pufferbilly Saturday. All licenses and road closure permissions would be obtained by the Chamber. They will also have to coordinate parking logistics with the pool manager since the pool will be open the day of the event. A motion was made by Pearson to allow the Chamber to have Art in the Park in McHose Park on Sunday, August 6, 2022 seconded by Burch. All ayes
- B. Budget Worksheets – Cornelis and board members reviewed the revenue and expense amounts for the 2024 budget year. Generally, amounts planned for have stayed the same. The biggest change would be for higher fuel costs. Burch and Landas both stated a need to make improvements to park playgrounds. Landas suggested it was time we put more money into our parks starting with Milwaukee and Franklin parks. These two parks are in serious need of new playground equipment/play structures. Burch said since the City has over \$20 million in reserves, the board should be asking for more money to improve the parks in Boone. Cornelis asked Burch if this could be verified. Burch said this information is available in a financial report for the city of Boone from a State of Iowa website. A motion was made by Burch to ask City Council for \$200,000 to purchase playground structures for Milwaukee and Franklin Parks seconded by Niemants. All ayes
- C. Feeding of deer in parks and cemetery – Cornelis reported people have been feeding deer in the parks and cemetery. This can become dangerous for people in the area and also can spread disease throughout the deer population. The board agrees there should be a rule or recommendation to prohibit the feeding of deer in public parks and the cemetery. Cornelis will check with the city attorney to see what needs to be done to get this posted or if a new ordinance is needed. Cornelis will provide an update at the next meeting.

Removal of Boy Scout Cabin in McHose Park – Cornelis said it is time we think about what we should do about the Boy Scout Cabin in McHose Park. At a previous meeting, it was suggested to turn the cabin into an open air shelter, removing the windows and doors, but the bats would still nest there. It is not suitable for use and there isn't any way to keep the bats out without a complete demolition and rebuild. Cornelis will check with the DNR to see what is needed to install bat houses to deter them from nesting in any future buildings. Cornelis also added- these bats are not on the list of endangered species. Michelle Thompson has a son that is a boy scout and the interest is there to keep a place for the scouts to have weekend camping. Thompson suggested making updates to the JB McHose shelter house to make it useable in the winter. Cornelis wasn't sure if that could be done or how much it would cost. Guttridge Shelter is currently used all winter and the scouts have been using it for their camping weekends. The old warming house from the original ice skating area also needs to be demolished. Cornelis will ask City Council to see if there is money to cover the cost of the demolition of both buildings. Plans are to rebuild the Boy Scout Cabin on the slab that will remain after demolition of the building.

- 8. Superintendent's Report – Cornelis said all part time staff is done until next year. Will need to evaluate what is needed for start-up in the spring. Ice rink boards were installed the end of October and plan on putting the liner in sooner than in the past. Snow complicates the installation of the liner so will try to install the liner when there isn't any snow. Cornelis is working with Rouse to transition into the Parks Director position. Landas will meet with Cornelis soon to negotiate salary for his new position.
- 9. Commissioner's Report – Landas and other commissioners said the feedback from the public concerning the proposed location of a wellness center in McHose Park has all been negative. All of the concerns relayed to the commissioners from the public have been against the site proposal.
- 10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – none
- 11. Adjournment – Niemants made a motion for adjournment seconded by Pearson. All Ayes Motion approved at 8:25 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 12TH AT 7 PM