

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

Coll called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Members present:, Emily Coll, Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, and. Absent: Amy Landas and April Burch
Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guests: Lori Judge, Jim Turbes, and Merrill Tam
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Niemants to approve the agenda. Motion 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 Niemants. All Ayes
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Pearson seconded by Niemants. All Ayes

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1753.66
Century Link	Telephone	75.81
Van Wall Equipment Inc	Repairs/Equipment/Maint	323.50
Walters Sanitary Service	Utilities	280.00
Portable Pro	Buildings & Grounds	282.50
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
Ogden Telephone Co	Utilities	74.95
Timothy Ponder	Travel/Conference Expense	895.00
Timothy Ponder	Telephone	19.00

Cemetery

Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment	313.87
Ramaker & Associates	Office Supplies	1200.00
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	9.98
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance (Janssen)	89.98

Misc.

Portable Pro (sledding hill)	Economic Development	46.45
Portable Pro (sledding hill)	Community Beautification	36.05

6. Old Business: A. none
7. New Business:
 - A. Pool chemical bids for 2023 season – Acco Unlimited was the only bid received on time by the deadline of 3pm on February 13, 2023. A motion was made by Niemants seconded by Pearson to accept the bid from Acco Unlimited to provide pool chemicals for the 2023 season.

- B. Resolution # 136 – increase of pool wages
Ayes: Niemants, Coll, and Pearson Absent: Landas, Burch Resolution passed.
- C. Resolution # 137 – Increase of pool fees
Ayes: Niemants, Coll, and Pearson Absent: Landas, Burch Resolution passed.
- D. Discussion – Shelter rental rates
Cornelis proposed increasing the rates for shelters. The last increase was in 2017. A motion was made by Coll to increase shelter rates by \$20 for all shelters/time slots and raise the price for renting picnic tables to \$15 each seconded by Pearson. All ayes
- E. Discussion – Location of possible new play equipment
Cornelis suggested the board decide which parks should be considered for any new play equipment. While filling out grants, he thought it would be helpful to identify the parks that would receive any new play equipment. Also, it would be helpful to identify age groups targeted. Usually, age groups are described as toddler to 5 years of age and 5 year to 12 year age range. Three parks that Cornelis thought should be considered were Franklin Park, Milwaukee Park and the Rest Area Park just off of Highway 30 at the north end of McHose Park. There will be more discussion at the April meeting about park options and which types of playground equipment to order.
- F. Adopt-A-Park application- an application was received from someone who would like to adopt Senholz Memorial Park located at 222 Mamie Eisenhower Ave. The application was approved for 2023 with a possible reassessment to continue for 2024.

- 8. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Cornelis thought they would be opening the gates at McHose Park soon, but with more snow and rain in the forecast it will be awhile before they can be reopened. Gravel has been put down in some of the loops to help with the condition of those areas.

Lori Judge addressed the board asking permission to have a concession stand or something similar to provide drinks and snacks during a tennis event that will be held at McHose Park on April 15th. The board gave permission to have the concessions.

- 9. Commissioner’s Report – Pearson asked the status of the Rotary Club volunteer project. Cornelis said they cancelled the plans to volunteer for now. Pearson reported a tile drain is plugged SW of the sidewalk at the north entrance of Lowell park. The water runoff is not going down the drain. It is running through the park. Pearson will provide pictures to Cornelis to follow up with a plan to get this fixed.
A homeowner contacted Pearson about some trees that were planted by Johnny Appleseed in the parking at their home. The trees/roots are pushing up and cracking the sidewalks. The homeowner wanted to know if the trees could be removed. Cornelis will follow up with the homeowner.
Pearson wanted to know who maintains the Storywalk boards that were installed last year. Some are empty and not being maintained. Pearson will contact Lindsay Hyman to find out how the stories will be updated.
Coll asked about plans for Arbor Day. Cornelis said there has been money donated for trees to be planted. This will be discussed more at the April meeting.
- 10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – Merrill Tam had a few questions:
Are there plans to resurface the tennis courts in McHose Park? Cornelis said the plan is to have them professional cleaned at the end of the 2023 season and resurface later.
Any expected date for PickleBall court at Memorial Park? Cornelis said he is waiting to hear from the contractor, hopefully sometime this spring.
Has the scout cabin been torn down yet? Cornelis said it hasn’t been torn down yet and will go out for bids in August.

- 11. Adjournment – Pearson made a motion for adjournment seconded by Niemants. All Ayes Motion approved at 8:04 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____ Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON APRIL 10TH, 2023 AT 7 PM