

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**

Landas called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Kevin Pearson, John Niemants, David Sherry, and Amy Landas. Susan Thorngren was absent.
Also present: Mike Cornelis and Cherie Angstrom. Guests: Darci Newcomb, Jim Turbes, Dewey Smith, and Pam Mesenbrink
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sherry to approve the agenda after moving item Cemetery/Mesenbrink to the start of new business items.
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 Niemants. All Ayes.
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills made by Sherry seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1,545.84
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maint	77.45
Bomgaars	Vandalism	1.77
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	14.00
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
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Century Link	Telephone	84.19
Kenneth Slaba	Telephone	19.00
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Ogden Telephone Co.	Telephone	74.95
Outdoor Image	Urban Forestry	350.00
Portable Pro	Buildings & Grounds	255.00
Walters Sanitary Service, Inc.	Buildings & Grounds	280.00

Cemetery

Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment	21.56
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	28.56
D & J Complete Tree Service	Build/Grounds	300.00
La Crosse Seed LLC	Build/Grounds	652.50
R & W Power	Build/Grounds	25.00
Ramaker & Associates Inc	Office Supplies	1,200.00
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00
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Pool

Bomgaars	Repairs	29.98
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Dept. of Inspections & Appeals	Services	150.00
Heartland Door & Frame Inc	Swimming Pool Improve	5,794.43
Sunstrom Miller Press	Supplies	361.70

6. Old Business: Little League: written agreement items for little league baseball to use north softball field at McHose Park
An agreement between the Boone Park Commission and Boone National Little League was drawn up by the City Attorney and Mike Cornelis for the use of the McHose Park north softball field for a boy's little league baseball team. Sherry made a motion to approve the agreement with minor changes (change the start date to April 15th and number of games from 12 to 14) seconded by Pearson. All ayes.
7. New Business:
- A. Cemetery – Section B monument/bench for Mesenbrink space issue
Brian and Pamela Mesenbrink purchased reclaimed spaces in Section B of the Linwood Park Cemetery. Two of the spots have a neighboring marker installed on part of spaces 8 and 9. Spaces 16 and 17 may be compromised by a large monument nearby that could cause issues if any digging nearby is done. The Mesenbrinks wanted to put a memorial bench on their spaces, but there isn't any room. The cemetery offered to refund the amount paid for spaces 8 and 9 that cannot be used. The cemetery also offered space by the road near family graves where they could put a bench. The Mesenbrinks accepted the compromise and donated the other two spaces back to the cemetery. All four of the original spaces will be marked as restricted and not sold. Landas made a motion to refund the amount of \$500 for the 2 unusable spaces 8 and 9 in Lot 17 of Section B of Linwood Park Cemetery, seconded by Sherry. All ayes.
Pearson made a motion to allow placement of a memorial bench along the roadside of Section B south of Lot 7 in the alleyway, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.
- B. Discussion – Project manual for Pool Painting Project
Cornelis had a project manual for the last pool painting project in 2012 that was prepared by the city engineer. He was hoping to have the engineer review and update a new version for a possible future pool painting project. Sherry suggested finding out the cost for someone to review and update before proceeding. Cornelis will get an estimate of cost and report back to the park commission.
- C. Boone Pool
- a. Pool phone – Newcomb is looking into options for a pool phone. They cannot do an IP based phone line since there isn't any internet at the pool. Ogden Telephone said they have no plans to run the fiber to the pool. A cell phone is an option, but the number would change every year unless they pay year-round. Another option is not having a phone at all since there wasn't one last year and there weren't any issues. All pool staff members have phones that can be used for emergencies. The downfall is no one can call the pool. The commissioners would like to have a phone at the pool. Sherry asked Newcomb to investigate more available options through the city phone plan.
- b. Lifeguard recertification – who pays the fee? – Newcomb proposed the city/parks pay for staff to be recertified. The cost would be approximately \$40 per lifeguard with a trainer who is on staff. Many of the surrounding area pools have been offering paid training and recertification for their staff. Recertification lasts two years. There would be a condition in a signed agreement that the lifeguard would commit to the entire season or be required to pay a pro-rated amount for the training. Landas made a motion to approve the \$40 fee to cover lifeguard recertification with a commitment for the entire season, seconded by Sherry. All ayes.
- c. Resolution #144 Lifeguard Instructor position – Resolution #144 Approving Addition of Lifeguard Instructor Level to Part-Time Pool Employees of the City of Boone with starting pay at \$15.00/hour plus \$.25 increase each returning year max of \$16.00. Votes: Landas-aye, Niemants-aye, Sherry-aye, Pearson-aye, Thorngren-absent. Resolution passed.
8. Superintendent/Director's Report – The cemetery building (building only) has been completed. Electrical work has started. The crosswalk sections downtown will need to have the trees removed and the Parks Dept. will remove them. McHose Park has lost a large amount of ash trees that will need to be removed and cleaned up. Blake from Boland Recreation said they are ready to ship the equipment for Milwaukee Park. Cornelis would like to wait until we know where to deliver and when installation will begin.
BCCF awarded the Parks Department a grant of \$25,000 for the Franklin Park Playground project. Including grants from Leonard Good Trust, Pratt Fenton Trust, and a private donation, enough money has been raised by grants to match the \$50,000 from the city. Cornelis will continue to investigate options for play equipment from at least two major companies.
9. Commissioner's Report – none
10. Public Comment for Items not on agenda – none
11. Adjournment – Sherry made a motion for adjournment seconded by Landas. All ayes. Motion approved at 8:10 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 13TH, 2024 AT 7 PM