

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

Landas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Amy Landas, John Niemants, Kevin Pearson, David Sherry. Susan Thorngren joined at 7:15 pm.  
Also present: Mike Comelis, Cherie Angstrom, and Drew Demery
2. Approval of Agenda: Landas asked to amend the agenda, moving Sam Conlin to after # 6. Motion by Pearson to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Sherry. All Ayes.
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion by Sherry to approve the minutes seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills made by Pearson seconded by Sherry. All Ayes.
6. Public Comment for items not on agenda: none

**Parks**

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| Alliant Energy               | Utilities               | 1,744.98 |
| Bomgaars                     | Repairs/Equipment Maint | 2.09     |
| Bomgaars                     | Clothing Allowance      | 109.97   |
| Bradley Rholl                | Telephone               | 19.00    |
| Centurylink                  | Utilities               | 85.47    |
| Dick's Fire Extinguisher Svc | Buildings & Grounds     | 456.25   |
| Drew Demery                  | Telephone               | 19.00    |
| Drew Demery                  | Clothing Allowance      | 244.96   |
| Ogden Telephone              | Utilities               | 74.95    |
| Ramaker & Associates Inc     | Computer Updates        | 1,200.00 |
| Shelby Lynn Designs          | Clothing Allowance      | 60.00    |
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| Walters Sanitary Service Inc | Buildings & Grounds     | 20.00    |

**Cemetery**

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| Ramaker & Associates Inc | Office Supplies | 177.50 |
| Seth Janssen             | Telephone       | 19.00  |

**7. New Business:**

**A.** Samuel Conlin: McHose Park Trails - Samuel is a senior in high school and shared a presentation promoting the revitalization of the three low water crossings in McHose Park, adding a bike trail (paved or unpaved) or putting in a one-way road similar to Ledges Park. He thought the public would support the project and be in favor of improving the park. The project could be funded by Grants and/or Bonds. Landas thanked him for coming to share his ideas with the park commissioners and suggested he present to City Council to get their ideas and feedback.

**8. Old Business:**

**A.** Resolution #151: Shelter Rental Increase – the resolution raised rental fees for shelters \$20 each level and raised the scout rental rate for weekends from \$75 to \$100 for scout weekends. A vote was taken to approve the increases. Landas – aye, Niemants – aye, Pearson – aye, Sherry – aye, and Thorngren – absent. Resolution approved.

**B.** Resolution #152: Pool Fee Increase for Family Passes and Pool Parties – the resolution raised rental fees for pool parties by \$20 each level and raised the prices of family passes \$20. Single passes were left at last year’s price. A vote was taken to approve the increases. Landas – aye, Niemants – aye, Pearson – aye, Sherry – aye, and Thorngren – absent. Resolution approved.

New Business:

**B.** New Park Employee: Drew Demery introduced himself and said he grew up in Boone and he has a background in youth development, aquatics and has been a camp director. He is happy to be part of the parks department and has been busy learning the job and training on the equipment.

**9.** Superintendent/Director’s Report – Cornelis has been working on the budget for next year and will be attending meetings this week to finalize the budget. Parks employees are transitioning from fall to winter mode, getting equipment ready for winter.

**10.** Commissioner’s Report – Dave Sherry said Mayor Stines would be adding more money in the budget for tree stump removal since there are still over 900 stumps throughout the city that need removed. There are also another 300 stumps in the city parks. The extra money will help reduce the backlog and get to a manageable amount. Thorngren is still researching stump grinding equipment and pricing to see if purchasing would be a better long-term option than contracting the job out.

**11.** Adjournment – Sherry made a motion for adjournment seconded by Niemants. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Commission Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Commission President \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT 7 PM**