

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOONE CITY PARKS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025**

Landas called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Roll Call: Members present: Amy Landas, John Niemants, David Sherry, and Susan Thorngren. Kevin Pearson arrived at 7:05.  
Also present: Mike Cornelis, Cherie Angstrom, Drew Demery
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sherry to approve the agenda, seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication: none
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Thorngren wanted to change the wording concerning the Vermeer bid since we are only waiting on the price of the 3-sided screen. Motion by Sherry to approve the minutes with the requested wording changes, seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion to approve the monthly bills with the exclusion of a duplicate invoice from Red Cross of \$780 that was already paid in February made by Sherry, seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
6. Public Comment for items not on agenda:

**Parks**

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| Alliant Energy      | Utilities                | 1,926.55 |
| Arnold Motor Supply | Repairs/Equipment Maint. | 9.69     |
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| Bomgaars            | Buildings & Grounds      | 15.98    |
| Boone Ace Hardware  | Buildings & Grounds      | 30.66    |
| Boone Ace Hardware  | Repairs/House/Shop       | 53.96    |
| Bradley Rholl       | Telephone                | 19.00    |
| CenturyLink         | Telephone                | 85.52    |
| Drew Demery         | Telephone                | 19.00    |
| Ogden Telephone     | Telephone                | 75.95    |
| Portable Pro        | Buildings & Grounds      | 255.00   |
| Staples Advantage   | Office Supplies          | 33.43    |

**Cemetery**

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| Amazon Capital Services Inc | Repairs/Equipment  | 17.74 |
| Bomgaars                    | Equipment/Cemetery | 29.97 |
| Boone Ace Hardware          | Repairs/Equipment  | 9.99  |
| Boone Ace Hardware          | Repairs/Equipment  | 10.54 |
| Seth Janssen                | Telephone          | 19.00 |

**Pool**

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| Dept. of inspections & Appeals | Services | 140.00 |
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7. Old Business: none

8. New Business:

A. Iowa Sports Foundation – McHose Tennis Courts for Iowa Games: Iowa Sports Foundation representative, Coll Bolweg, said they would like to use the McHose Tennis courts for Iowa games on the weekend of July 18-20, 2025.

Since

high school tennis season is over by then, there were no objections. Landas made a motion to allow the Iowa Sports Foundation to use the McHose tennis courts for the July 18-20, 2025 weekend pending a signed contract and proof of insurance, seconded by Sherry. All ayes. Thorngren proposed putting up signage ahead of time to let the public know the courts are reserved for that weekend.

**B. Pool Chemical Bids** - The only bid received by the deadline was ACCO Unlimited. Sherry made a motion to accept the bid from ACCO Unlimited for the 2025 season pool chemicals, seconded by Pearson. All ayes.

**C. Pool Staffing: Darci Newcomb** – Newcomb said she has 8 of 21 staff returning for this season. It is difficult to find certified lifeguards due to the cost of certification. Newcomb requested a \$50 dollar reimbursement for staff that successfully completes the course in Ames as long as they commit to working for Boone pool until August for the current season. She requested to be reimbursed \$385 dollars for taking an LGI class that, when successfully completed, would allow her to teach the class to certify lifeguards. This would allow her to certify lifeguards for the cost of Red Cross fees, materials, and her hourly wage, which is more affordable. Sherry made a motion to reimburse Newcomb \$385 for the LGI class and reimbursement of \$50 dollars for staff that successfully complete the lifeguard course in Ames and commit to working for the Boone pool until August of the current season, seconded by Pearson. All ayes.

**D. Softball Fields:** Landas requested this discussion be tabled until a future meeting.

**E. Options for Force Main Sanitary Sewer in McHose Park – Waylon Andrews & Perry Gjersvik:**

As a result of public hearings, public works director Andrews and city engineer Gjersvik presented a plan to install a force main sanitary sewer line through McHose Park. There were two options: one follows the current roadway, and the preferred option is following the old roadbed, which includes three water crossings. Everything would be underground except for a few manholes. There would be less trenching and once it is done, the level ground could be used for future trails. Andrews and Gjersvik wanted to update everyone with the project and how it would affect McHose Park. A vote is not needed by the Park Commission.

9. Superintendent/Director’s Report – Cornelis said the pool painting project should start around April 1<sup>st</sup>. Rec Director, Nate Osmundson, is looking for space to have youth programs. There are several grassy areas in the city parks that would work and are available for public use. The recent blizzard tore off the west side of the pool skylight. Cornelis will get bids to repair.
10. Commissioner’s Report – Thorngren asked if it would be possible to close McHose Park for the winter months. It would help keep the park’s grass and circles from being damaged and provide a safe place for pedestrians. Cornelis will check and see if there is any legal reason it cannot be closed for the winter season. Thorngren also said the Iowa Wild hockey team has helped communities with setting up ice skating rinks and thought it would be worth checking into to see if they could help with installing liner holders and rink preparation next season.
11. Adjournment – Sherry made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Niemants. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

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

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT 7 PM**