

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

Thorngren called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Roll Call: Members present: John Niemants, Kevin Pearson and Susan Thorngren. Absent: David Sherry and Amy Landas
Also present: Mike Cornelis, Cherie Angstrom
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Pearson, seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
3. Presentation of Petitions & Other Communication:
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from October meeting made by Pearson, seconded by Niemants. All Ayes.
5. Approval of monthly bills: Motion by Niemants to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Pearson. All Ayes.
6. Public Comment for items not on agenda: none

Parks

Alliant Energy	Utilities	1,859.08
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment Maint	6.19
Arnold Motor Supply	Equipment	58.68
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment Maint	20.28
Bomgaars	Clothing Allowance	81.57
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	89.99
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	19.50
Boone Ace Hardware	Stump Grinding	53.94
Boone Ace Hardware	Stump Grinding	19.18
Boone Ace Hardware	Buildings & Grounds	17.99
Boone County ISU Extension	Travel/Conference Expense	45.00
Bradley Rholl	Telephone	19.00
Builders First Source	Buildings & Grounds	25.70
Century Link	Telephone	93.35
D & J Complete Tree Service	Urban Forestry	6,400.00
Drew Demery	Telephone	19.00
Fareway	Buildings & Grounds	26.43
Fareway	Buildings & Grounds	57.88
Fareway	Buildings & Grounds	171.57
Iowa Water and Waste Systems LLC	Buildings & Grounds	875.00
Les's Auto	Repairs/Equipment Maint	569.96
Ogden Telephone Co	Telephone	74.95
Portable Pro	Buildings & Grounds	255.00
Portable Pro	Buildings & Grounds	90.00
Van Wall Equipment Inc	Equipment	35.83

Cemetery

Arnold Motor Supply	Equipment/Cemetery	43.33
Arnold Motor Supply	Repairs/Equipment	9.25
Bomgaars	Repairs/Equipment	56.94

Bomgaars	Supplies	4.31
Cheryl Angstrom	Travel/Conference	806.44
Condon's Services LTD	Grave Openings	255.00
Menards	Build/Grounds	800.44
Portable Pro	Build/Grounds	90.00
Seth Janssen	Telephone	19.00

Pool

Superior Painting & Epoxy Coating LLC	Repairs	3,600.00
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7. Old Business: none

8. New Business:

A. **Bid Letting for Stump Removal (Cemetery, Parks and 10th St.) Contract** – Four bids were received with the two lowest bids coming from Robb's Tree and Stump Service at \$26,190 and D & J's Complete Tree Service at \$27,000. Niemants made a motion to accept the bid of \$27,000 from D & J's Complete Tree Service since they are a local company and have a good work history with past park projects, seconded by Pearson. All ayes.

B. **Memorial Park Lease with Boone Baseball Club** – The previous lease was updated: Updating the name on the lease to the Boone Baseball Club and including a new review after five years instead of the previous three year review. Pearson made a motion to approve the signing of the lease between the Boone Baseball Club and Boone Park Commission for the Memorial Baseball Field, concession stand and restroom facility, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

C. **Lowell Park Gazebo/Walking Path – Ryder Bentson and Phoenix Horvath** are looking for approval from the Park Board to begin fundraising for more improvements to Lowell Park including upgrading the walking path and replacing the gazebo. Plans are to include local clubs to help such as Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and using volunteers for labor. The board also suggested contacting the local lumber yard and local contractors to see if they would donate materials and/or labor. Pearson made a motion to give permission to allow fundraising for the projects for Lowell Park improvements, seconded by Niemants. All ayes. Any money raised will go into a fund through the Park Foundation where it will be used specifically for Lowell Park.

D. **2026 Pool Rates and Wages Proposal – Darci Newcomb** proposed raising the rates for 2026 pool parties and family swim passes. Niemants made a motion to raise the prices for pool parties, but not increase the price for family passes, seconded by Pearson. All ayes. A resolution will be created to reflect the new pool party prices. Newcomb also proposed a .25 cent raise for pool employees and increase wages for lifeguards, and WSI Swim Instructors and eliminating the caps on raises. Cornelis also wanted to add a \$500 salary raise for Newcomb since she is one of two Certified Pool Operators that will be alternating weekends to cover the pool throughout the season. The other COP is already being compensated. Pearson made a motion to approve the hourly raises, eliminating the caps on raises, and the \$500 salary increase for Newcomb, seconded by Niemants. All ayes. A resolution will be created to reflect the salary increases.

E. **Budget Work Session – Mike Cornelis** would like to schedule a work session, preferably before the December 2nd goal setting meeting for department heads. He wanted to review upcoming items in the budget and get input from the commissioners. Pearson made a motion to set up a work session meeting before December 2nd, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

F. **Linwood Project – Mike Cornelis** reported the hedge around the north side of the cemetery is overgrown, unsightly, and out of control. Cornelis proposed removing approximately 500 feet of the hedge and replacing it with 6 ft. decorative fencing. Cost would be around \$25,000, but a large portion would be covered by donation money available through the Park Foundation. Pearson made a motion to allow Cornelis to remove the north hedge and replace it with decorative fencing, seconded by Niemants. All ayes.

9. Superintendent/Director's Report – Cornelis reported the sewer line to the park office will need to be replaced. Work will begin soon to replace the line. The ice rink kit from the Iowa Wild has been received and installation will begin in the next week or so.

10. Commissioner's Report – none

After the commissioner's report, Pearson made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Niemants. All ayes. Closed session started at 8:01 pm. CLOSED SESSION PER IOWA CODE §21.5(1)(c), To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation."

Niemants made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:24 pm, seconded by Pearson. All ayes.

11. Adjournment – Thorngren made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Pearson. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Commission Secretary _____

Commission President _____

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 8TH, 2025 AT 7 PM