

PARK COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

January 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chair Jeff Herlitzke, Naomi Bjergum, Karen Durnin, Doug Klenke and Brian Meeter
OTHERS PRESENT:	Via zoom: Heather Suby & Jason Mather (Disc League), Michael Arneson, Pat Caffrey, Ben Filter (Supervisor #3)
STAFF PRESENT:	Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Herlitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Klenke/Durnin to approve the minutes of September 29, 2020. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: none given.

DISC GOLF

Heather Suby and Jason Mather, representing the La Crosse Disc Golf Club (via zoom), stated the disc golf sport is growing and they are in need of space for additional courses. Suby noted they have contacted several municipalities and that the Holmen area is a great place to expand. Mather stated the three items needed for a viable course: (1) land with character such as elevation and/or trees; (2) at least 20-30 acres; and (3) a place to park as they often attract 20-30 people at a time. Discussion followed. It was the consensus that the idea of a disc golf course had merit but the Town lacks that type of green space at this time.

PARK DONATION

Michael Arneson, via zoom in Montana, introduced himself and gave some background and explained the timeline for finalizing the donation of land along Amsterdam Prairie Road, across from the McGilvray Bridges. Herlitzke explained the Town Board's intent to involve the Park Committee since this land will eventually be part of the Town's park system. Ben Filter, Town Supervisor #3 (via zoom), noted the Town Chair suggested volunteering the Town Crew to do tree removal. Filter suggested going out for bid on stumping, grading and installing the actual parking lot.

Pat Caffrey, representing the Friends of the McGilvray Road (via zoom), suggested their group could provide the same type of maintenance they conduct with the McGilvray bridges. He suggested preserving an oak tree on the north side of the proposed entrance and noted it would be helpful to leave about four feet of stump to assist contractor removal. Discussion followed concerning the parking lot (material and location), tree removal, trail installation and maintenance.

Motion by Meeter/Klenke to recommend obtaining a bid for installing a parking lot and approval for the Town Board to run with it without having another Park Committee meeting. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Discussion followed concerning possible contracting out on the tree removal, if affordable. Motion by Durnin/Klenke to recommend obtaining a bid on tree removal. **MOTION** carried unanimously. It was clarified that the tree removal would be for the parking lot area only.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Herlitzke reviewed the Town crew work list. Discussion followed and input was given to edit the list with additional weed trimming and a mid-year park inspection conducted. Herlitzke will check with the Village of Holmen concerning the timing and possible contracting for weed spraying along the bike trail.

2021 PROJECTS

Fitness course (ninja equipment): Herlitzke reviewed the equipment spacing requirements and suggested designating a rectangular placement to the west of the zip line. Discussion followed concerning the ninja equipment and future vision for the Holland Town park. It was the consensus to place the ninja equipment as suggested and to have further discussion on a future agenda concerning the west parking lot, semi parking and overall green space.

Holland Estates ballfield: Meeter reported the donation is still being reviewed. Item held over to the next meeting.

Town Survey: Bjergum reviewed the data from the 74 responses to the Town park survey. Discussion followed. The survey results will be posted on the Town web page and used for future planning.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Bike trail research and connectivity: Durnin reported on her conversation with a board member of the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA). Discussion followed concerning possible assistance by the ORA, possible connectivity areas, the proposed bike lane along the County Road XX upgrade and possible feasibility study. Durnin will check further with the ORA on a possible presentation.

Pedretti Street walking lane: Herlitzke suggested a walking trail be constructed along Pedretti Street from County Road MH to the top of the hill to improve safety. Discussion followed. Herlitzke will work with Town Crew John Frauenkron to develop a possible plan.

Hidden Prairie park: Herlitzke reported on the new Hidden Prairie subdivision and future park designation. Clerk Pedretti reported the developer had indicated a desire to install some equipment soon, at their expense. Discussion followed and it was the consensus to add this park to the Long Range Plan and to follow past protocol of adding equipment once 50% of the lots are developed but if the developer wanted to do something sooner, the proposed equipment would need Town approval.

August Prairie East: Meeter explained his vision of re-grading and re-seeding the west portion of the outlot and developing a wildflower area with possible path on the east side. Discussion followed. Herlitzke will discuss with Frauenkron.

FUTURE AGENDA AND NEXT MEETING

Presentation by ORA, August Prairie East, Holland Estates ballfield. Next meeting TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bjergum/Klenke to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti
Town Clerk