

PARK COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

February 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Nikole Hauser, Karen Durnin, Doug Klenke, Tiffany Lein and Naomi Bjergum
OTHERS PRESENT	Ben Filter, Butch Kleinsmith, Michael Flury, and Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hauser called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Klenke/Durnin to approve minutes of August 29, 2022. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: none given.

STEPHENSON PARK WALKING TRAILS

Butch Kleinsmith, W7732 Old 93, gave some background concerning the Stephenson Park land. He noted he is a volunteer with the Friends of the McGilvray Bridges group and has been clearing brush along the Stephenson trail. He asked if the Town could assist in making the walking trails more stroller/handicap accessible, similar to the bike trail along Highway 53. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to get cost estimates and inquire about possible donation of materials/time. Item will be discussed next meeting.

PRAIRIE WOODS WALKING TRAILS

Item held over to next meeting as the requester was not present.

PARK EVENTS POLICY

Members reviewed the draft “Park Event/Facility/Tournament Reservation” policy and permit form. The clerk was directed to add language concerning maintenance (garbage pick-up) for larger events, that “No Parking During Events” be installed along the west side of Ducke Drive and garbage cans be added around the new Flury Field. Motion by Durnin/Bjergum to send the policy forward with the changes discussed tonight. **MOTION** carried.

HOLLAND ESTATES BALLFIELD PROJECT

Michael Flury, W7815 Amsterdam Prairie Road, reported on the progress of the fence and dug-outs and noted they could use some volunteer assistance. He reported approximately \$7,300 remaining and detailed pending expenditures. Ben Filter, W7935 Prairie Meadows Street, discussed the soccer fields, equipment and coordination between the various groups. It was the consensus that a ribbon cutting date will be worked out between Flury and the Board for early May.

LONG RANGE PLAN REVIEW

Members reviewed the Long Range Park Plan and made suggested edits. Clerk will update the plan and web page as discussed.

2022 PROJECTS

Park maintenance and future needs: Pedretti reported on the increase in the cost of the Ash Bore treatment. It was suggested to obtain other quotes. Members directed the Town Crew to add sand to the sandbox, volleyball courts and horseshoe pits.

2023 budget: Members suggested the Town obtain quotes to replace the outdated hand dryers in the outdoor restrooms. Pedretti reported the cost to install automatic locking doors in the restrooms would cost between \$1,500 to \$3,000. It was the consensus to hold off and see how this year progresses. Flury asked the Town to install park trees around the outside of the ballfield. Members discussed the future of the Wildflower Terrace Park. It was the consensus to get quotes concerning a landscape plan.

FUTURE AGENDA AND NEXT MEETING

Long Rang Plan update, Prairie Meadows trail, Wildflower Terrace park plan. The next meeting date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Durnin/Bjergum to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti
Town Clerk