

PARK COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

May 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT | Chair Bob Stupi, Naomi Bjergum, Karen Durnin, Doug Klenke and Tiffany Lein |
| OTHERS PRESENT | David Carlson (Town Crew), Marilyn Pedretti (Town Clerk) |

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Klenke/Durnin to approve the minutes of April 7, 2025. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: none given.

HIDDEN PAIRIE PARK

Bjergum provided an updated chart from responses to a survey sent to Hidden Prairie residents last fall. She suggested the top priorities were park trees, park benches, picnic tables and a shelter house/gazebo with future possibility of small play equipment. Stupi thanked Bjergum for compiling the survey results and suggested planning later this year.

WILDFLOWER PARK

Stupi reviewed the quote received from Coulee Region Ecoscapes (CRE) outlining the cost to install natural shredded mulch and pollinator plantings between the existing stone boulders. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to move a few of the large rocks that are causing difficulties in mowing and see how the season progresses. Klenke reported they poured cement yesterday and the gazebo is now complete. Stupi thanked him for his work on this project.

TOWN CREW REPORT

Town Crew David Carlson reviewed his written report and asked if there were questions concerning that or the annual park inspections he provided. He noted two picnic tables will be needed for the new Wildflower gazebo. Discussion followed and it was the consensus to send that request to the Town Board. Carlson noted one of the trees in Wildflower Park did not survive the winter. Pedretti will notify CRE. Stupi directed Carlson to begin watering the park trees due to the dry weather.

2025 BUDGET

Basketball/Pickleball Court: Stupi reviewed two quotes received to construct a pickleball court and half basketball court. He also reported on the estimated cost of fencing. He noted the fiscal year for the Holmen Area Foundation (HAF) starts in July so no commitment on a partnership at this time. Discussion followed and it was noted there will be additional costs to paint the court, provide nets, and hoops. It was the consensus to revisit the possibilities with the HAF this fall.

Walking path: Stupi reported the Town Board rejected the walking path recommendation. He obtained a quote from another company that included more area but at a lower cost than the original quote. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to approach the board again noting the benefits of connectivity, advantages for the handicapped, strollers, scooters,

bikers and walkers, economics of the asphalt plant in Holland this year and possible partnership with another non-profit organization.

Town Hall Park equipment: Bjergum and Lein provided six park equipment configurations with pricing. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to contact the park companies for possible discounts for options 1 and 5. It was also the consensus to leave up the current equipment until new equipment can be installed.

Hammes Park driveway and lot: Stupi reviewed the quotes for paving and for double seal coating the driveway and parking lot at Hammes Park. Discussion followed. Motion by Bjergum/ Klenke to recommend to double seal coat the Hammes Park entrance and parking lot not to exceed \$5,000. **MOTION** carried.

Dresen Park tunnel equipment: Carlson reported the tunnel (hamster-like) equipment has holes and is rusting out. He provided pictures. Pedretti reported our park representative visited the site but was unable to provide a replacement cost at this time. Discussion followed. Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to recommend to remove the hamster tunnel equipment at Dresen Park due to safety concerns. **MOTION** carried.

Dresen Park climbing equipment: Carlson provided pictures of the climbing equipment at Dresen Park and noted they are unable to get a quote to sandblast/repaint. Discussion followed. It was the consensus for the Town crew to file down the best they can and apply an epoxy-type paint.

Other recommendations: Stupi reviewed the 2025 park budget line items. Pedretti reported approximately \$288,000 remains in the powerline fund.

NEXT MEETING: TBD this fall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bjergum/Lein to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti
Town Clerk