

**PARK COMMITTEE**

TOWN OF HOLLAND

February 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chair Bob Stupi, Naomi Bjergum, Karen Durnin, Doug Klenke and Tiffany Lein
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	John Frauenkron (Town Crew Supervisor), 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 Durnin/Bjergum to approve the minutes of August 27, 2025. **MOTION** carried.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** none given.

**BIKE TRAILS**

Holland Bluff Bike Trail: Stupi reported the Holland Bluff Bike Trail project is moving along and hope to go out for bids in March with construction occurring yet this year.

County Road MH Bike Path: Stupi reported the engineers are working on Phase 1 and we are still awaiting word on Phase 2 approval. He noted the engineer suggested a cross path from Bice Avenue to the path to accommodate quick access to those residents. Klenke suggested a cross walk at the Wildflower/Town Park line across MH for safety reasons. Stupi noted that if we get funding for Phase 2, it may change construction dates, slowing down Phase 1 in order to create efficiencies with engineers, contractors and such.

**TOWN PARK WALKING PATH**

Updates: Stupi reported the crew has been clearing the path of snow and it is well-used. He noted the plan was to install some pampas grass on the slope along Country Road MH this spring for erosion control. Klenke reported he could have access to some prairie grasses which could be used on the backside of the path.

Holmen Rotary: Bob Buck, W7676 Richard Drive, representing the Holmen Rotary Club, explained a possible partnership to create “Born Learning” activities along the walking path. He noted the Holmen High School Interact Club will do the work and cover expenses. Tim Medinger, N7150 Elizabeth Drive, representing United Way and Holmen Rotary, shared the sign examples and reported the project would include 11 signs (10 stations and a welcome sign) and stencils along the asphalt to help young kids engage and learn. Discussion followed concerning placement and maintenance. Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to recommend to move ahead with accepting the donation of the Rotary “Born Learning” project on the Town of Holland walking path. **MOTION** carried.

Walking path signage: Klenke explained the proposal to install three signs naming the walking trail after Gordon and Pauline Van Dunk. He presented options for signage. Discussion followed and it was the consensus to go with option 3 (brown background, white writing, font style not all caps) which states “Van Dunk Family Walkway”. Klenke shared a narrative he and Anne Paape developed to explain the trail’s naming. He suggested a QR code could be added below the signs to share the narrative and other Town of Holland history.

Naming dedication date: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am was tentatively set as a date to celebrate the naming of the path.

## **2026 PARK BUDGET**

Pickleball/Basketball courts: Stupi noted the timing was too late last year to receive acceptable bids. Motion by Klenke/Durnin to recommend seeking new bids for the pickleball court with fencing and replacing the basketball court. **MOTION** carried.

Dresen Park: Discussion took place on whether to purchase equipment to replace the tunnel equipment removed last year or to create a crawling tunnel similar to the one at the Town Hall Park. Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to recommend to replace the crawling tunnel at Dresen Park with a 10' to 20' concrete culvert. **MOTION** carried. John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, was directed to seek pricing from local vendors.

Wildflower Park Phase 3: Discussion took place concerning the proposal by Coulee Region Ecoscapes for Phase 3. It was the consensus to seek further information such as an itemization of the costs and possible cost savings.

Tree removal plan: Klenke presented a plan to eliminate invasive Chinese Elms along the Town Hall Park and Wildflower Park. He detailed on a map the removal of 15 trees the first year with replacement trees that would enhance the park. Frauenkron suggested the crew could handle at least 90% of the tree removal. Discussion followed. Motion by Klenke/Stupi to recommend cutting 15 trees as outlined with the replacement of park trees not to exceed \$2,000. **MOTION** carried.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Wildflower Park Phase 3

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bjergum/Lein to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pedretti  
Town Clerk