

**PARK COMMITTEE**

TOWN OF HOLLAND

February 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Chair Kathy Warzynski, Naomi Bjergum, Brian Meeter, Patrick Strupp
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Sarah Mumaw-Flury
<b>OTHERS:</b>	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Barbara Larsen, Rod Van Dunk, Daryl Ciokiewicz

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Meeter/Strupp to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** none given.

**DOG PARK**

Warzynski reviewed the minutes from the Dog Park Subcommittee and the survey results as presented in the packet. She noted that a motion to not pursue was made but died for lack of a second. Another motion was made and passed 3-2 to recommend pursuing a dog park with an estimated cost of \$20,000 and to include a fee of \$12 a year or \$1 a day and would be open to residents and non-Town residents. Members reviewed the map where a possible 2-acre park could be located.

Barb Larsen, W7771 Van Dunk Place, noted she served on the Dog Park Subcommittee and thanked the committee for considering this request. She noted the Town could be a pioneer with this park and many people would use the resource. Larsen displayed a petition signed by 354 people who supported a dog park in the area and questioned the validity of the Town survey that she found confusing and had only a 4% response rate.

Rod Van Dunk, W6819 Holter Road, stated he was approached about 10 months ago concerning a dog park in the Village and was asked to help circulate a petition which would have required 2,500 signatures for the Village to take action. He reported that they did not receive the required number of signatures but there was a definite interest.

Daryl Ciokiewicz, W7755 Volendam Street, noted he served on the Dog Park Subcommittee and had concerns with the survey. He suggested another survey that would include the Village and Town of Onalaska.

Discussion followed. Members were satisfied with the placement of the possible dog park but not comfortable moving forward without more support from the community. Funding options were discussed.

Motion by Meeter/Strupp that we recommend to the Town Board to set aside \$10,000 from the Badger Coulee Line funds towards a future dog park which would be released once citizens could match the \$10,000 to cover the costs. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Van Dunk suggested inviting the Dane county park expert to a future meeting. He also noted his father's legacy in planning the Town hall and park was met with opposition but is now viewed as a great success.

### **WILDFLOWER PARK**

Committee members reviewed and discussed the four plans for future development of Wildflower Park as provided by the UW-La Crosse students. It was the consensus that the third group's presentation, which outlined a gazebo, walking trails and park benches, was preferred. Discussion followed concerning costs for the suggested equipment as well as improving the turf. Clerk Pedretti will research costs of a gazebo. This item will return to a future agenda.

### **BCL IMPACT FEE**

Committee members reviewed and discussed a previous list of recommendations for the elector meeting to discuss options for how to utilize the one-time Environmental Impact Fee from the Badger Coulee Line (BCL) payment. A consensus was listed as follows:

1. \$10,000 earmarked for matching funds for a dog park
2. funds for the Wildflower Park gazebo
3. \$100,000 towards purchasing land for a multi-use recreational sports facility
4. \$100,000 towards environmental preservation (bluff land, trails, MVC preservation)
5. \$100,000 towards funding the park budget for 2020-2025

### **2019 PARK PROJECTS**

Discussion followed concerning the 2019 park projects. It was the consensus to move forward with the Gaynor Park swing set (will be added to Town Board agenda). Meeter will research irrigation options with the Holmen Youth Baseball Parents' Association. Strupp will research options to improve drainage in the two baseball fields.

### **FUTURE AGENDA AND NEXT MEETING**

Continue with park budget items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bjergum/Strupp to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk