

**PARK COMMITTEE**  
TOWN OF HOLLAND  
March 6, 7:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Chair Kathy Warzynski, Naomi Bjergum, Brian Meeter , Sara Mumaw-Flury (7:40 p.m.)
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Lloyd Dresen,
<b>OTHERS:</b>	Chair Steve Michaels, Clerk Marilyn Pedretti; Greg & Joan Stellrecht

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Warzynski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

**TOWN CREW INTRODUCTIONS**

Warzynski reported that due to the recent snow storm, the Town Crew were not available for this meeting. She noted the two new members' names are Gary Hofer and Norm Clark.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Bjergum/Meeter to approve the minutes of August 10, 2017. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** none.

**UPDATES**

- A. Pruning of park trees: Warzynski reported she consulted an arborist last fall and the identified park trees were pruned last fall. They suggested mulching around trees in order to prevent mower blight.
- B. Installation of AED equipment: Warzynski reported that during her research on AED equipment through the Fire Department and Village of Holmen, this equipment is not recommended for outdoor installations. The Town did purchase an AED and it is installed in the Town Hall kitchen which would be accessible by park patrons most weekends. Meeter suggested including a small "disclaimer" on the rental agreements so renters are aware of availability of the AED equipment.
- C. Ballfield use by Holmen Youth Baseball Parents Association: Warzynski reported the Town Board granted the request by the HYBPA to use the ballfields this summer and that they have new equipment that will assist in maintaining Skogens field better than last year.
- D. Replacement of park benches: No report from crew. Pedretti read a note from the crew in which the bench mounts are \$50 each.

**2018 PROJECTS**

- A. Shelter #2 roof: Warzynski reported on a quote from JS Construction and noted the Town has used this contractor in the past and have been very satisfied with his work. Discussion followed. Motion by Meeter/Bjergum to recommend approval for JS Construction quote to replace the roof on shelter #2. **MOTION** carried unanimously.
- B. Wildflower Terrace Park: Warzynski introduced Greg and Joan Stellrecht, who are the developers of Wildflower Terrace Subdivision. She then explained the concept of a parking lot to alleviate parking needs for the ballfields and provided a rough estimate of

\$19,968 for a 156x64 lot with two rows of parking for approximately 15 vehicles each with two way traffic. She reviewed two professional plans for trees and berming. Discussion followed with input from the Stellrechts. Some suggestions were soccer or kick fields, a tennis court, climbing equipment, work-out circuit equipment or green space. It was the consensus to seek additional planning help from UWL and the County Parks Department and to plan this park development in phases.

Motion by Meeter/Warzynski to spend up to \$3,000 for plantings, trees, berms and walking trail in 2018 on the Wilflower Terrace Park. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Greg Stellrecht offered to provide sand from the development for the berms at no cost.

- C. August Prairie East Park: Warzynski reviewed information received from the Fish and Wildlife concerning natural prairies. Meeter reviewed the suggestion to plant part of the August Prairie East Park in prairie grasses to cut down on the mowing area and he outlined the uneven area with trees on a map. He noted the west side of the park is flat and kids often use that area. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to get input from area residents before moving forward.

Motion by Meeter/Bjergum to table the project in August Prairie East [pending resident input]. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

- D. Spring park inspection check lists: Warzynski noted the crew was not available to discuss this item.
- E. Maintenance items and wood chips: Pedretti reviewed the research notes on various options for wood chips. Discussion followed. Motion by Meeter/Bjergum to go with Green Earth for wood chips this year. **MOTION** carried unanimously.
- F. Other items: Meeter asked if the CapX2020 monies was re-prioritized to accommodate the Holmen Area Community Center. Pedretti explained that money was ear-marked three years ago and has been separate from park monies.

### **FUTURE PROJECTS: DOG PARK**

Warzynski read an email from a resident who had originally asked the Town to consider a dog park and has since changed his mind. Town Chair Michaels reported the Town of Onalaska has been studying such a park for some time but it is on hold.

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

Possible agenda items: Park inspection check list and the August Prairie East prairie seeding. The next meeting will be near the end of June, to be determined at a later date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bjergum/Meeter to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pedretti,  
Town Clerk