

**PARK COMMITTEE**  
TOWN OF HOLLAND  
May 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Chair Jeff Herlitzke, Naomi Bjergum, Brian Meeter, Patrick Strupp
<b>OTHERS:</b>	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Michael Goryl, Mike Bramwell, Town Chair Steve Michaels (8:05 p.m.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Herlitzke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Notices were properly posted. The committee welcomed Herlitzke as the new chair.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Meeter/Strupp to approve the minutes of February 5<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** none given.

**AGENDA CHANGE:** Meeter asked to move item #6 up in the agenda to accommodate the guests. No objections.

**BALLFIELDS**

Drainage issues: Mike Goryl, 1902 Independence Avenue, spoke as President of the Holmen Youth Baseball Parents' Association (HYBPA) of their concerns with drainage in the ballfields, especially the north field along the first base side. Mike Bramwell, 804 Granum Circle, suggested installing a brillo-type mat in the batter's boxes and catcher's area that will prevent some of the blockage. Discussion followed and several options were addressed. It was the consensus to raise the areas that pond with a 60/69 lime mix and create small catch basins behind the dug outs. Goryl suggested parents might be able to assist with some of the labor. Motion by Meeter/Bjergum to recommend not to exceed \$6,000 toward infield improvements of the Holland Town ball fields. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Storage shed: Goryl spoke about their need for a storage shed in order to house their UTV and other equipment for both easy access and security. Discussion followed concerning size and possible placement. Clerk Pedretti suggested the storage area between the outdoor restrooms. At 7:42 p.m., the Committee left the meeting room to view the storage area and returned at 7:48 p.m. Motion by Meeter/Strupp to recommend using the existing garage space between exterior bathrooms as a site for HYBPA to store equipment. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**INSPECTION SHEETS**

The Committee reviewed the spring inspection sheets provided by Town Crew member Norm Clark. It was the consensus to direct the crew to remove the volleyball poles at Gaynor Park and to install the swing set as soon as possible. The committee requested the inspections be conducted periodically throughout the summer.

### **WILDFLOWER PARK**

Clerk Pedretti reported the crew was having difficulties mowing the park as it is very rough. She noted most landscaping companies are booked into late summer. Discussion followed concerning the future needs of the park and the consensus was to wait on landscaping until a gazebo was installed. Motion by Strupp/Bjergum to recommend that we get funding for up to \$15,000 for a gazebo for Wildflower Park. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### **PARK SIGNAGE**

Herlitzke reported a request was received to remove the park sign at August Prairie East because it is basically a drainage area and the signage might give the impression that park equipment will be installed. Discussion followed. Motion by Bjergum/Strupp to remove the park sign at August Prairie East and save in storage for possible future use. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Herlitzke noted that the area will continue to be mowed on a regular basis.

### **BCL IMPACT FEE**

Public input session: Herlitzke reviewed the hand-out from the March 20<sup>th</sup> input session and reported the Town Board did vote to fund the McGilvray Bridge request. Discussion followed.

Dog park funding: Herlitzke suggested establishing a deadline for the matching fund requirement in order to allow the Board to commit or redistribute the funds in a timely manner. Discussion followed. Motion by Meeter/Strupp that people supporting the dog park have to match \$10,000 by June 1, 2020 or the \$10,000 is redistributed to park funds. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### **2019 PARK PROJECTS**

Discussion followed concerning the 2019 park projects. Bjergum suggested researching the option of a ninja park similar to the one built by the City of Onalaska. Herlitzke will reach out to the city to determine costs and committee members were encouraged to visit the park for future reference.

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

Ninja park, inspection sheets.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bjergum/Meeter to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pedretti  
Town Clerk