

PARK COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

August 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Vice Chair Doug Klenke, Karen Durnin, and Tiffany Lein
MEMBERS EXCUSED	Nikole Hauser, Naomi Bjergum
OTHERS PRESENT	David Carlson, Town Crew, Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Klenke called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Durnin/Lein to approve the June 21st minutes. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: none given.

HYBPA FUTURE NEEDS

Members reviewed the emails from Holmen Youth Baseball Parents' Association (HYBPA) members Kevin Puent and Dax Connely concerning upkeep and future needs. Item will return when HYBPA members can be present.

WILDFLOWER PARK

Aric Sampson, Designer, Coulee Regional Ecoscapes, reviewed the plan map for the Wildflower Park and outlined the gazebo positioning, playscape concept with organic elements and the stormwater plan that could qualify for grant money. He outlined the three-year plan with cost estimates and noted the estimates could be lowered with community engagement:

Year 1: gazebo installation, tree plantings and car mitigation boulders = \$19,052

Year 2: gazebo and sign garden prep and playscape = \$20,909

Year 3: privacy hedge and mailbox plantings and rain garden installation = \$11,294

Klenke reported he has enough steel shingles donated for the gazebo and believes he can obtain more donations and assist in building the feature. Discussion followed concerning the gazebo installation/placement, mulching needs, mowing requirements and timing for the plantings. It was the consensus to move the gazebo to the northwest corner. Sampson will adjust the plan and resubmit for the next meeting's approval.

2023 UPDATES & BUDGET

David Carlson, Town crew, provided a crew report and noted the ballfield fence is rusting.

Discussion followed. Carlson will research options to repair and report back next month.

Carlson also suggested budgeting funds for the outdoor restroom lights and noted the Town may be losing park trees due to the draught.

Pedretti reviewed the current budget and noted expenses will exceed the \$12,000 allocated.

Discussion followed. Motion by Durnin/Lein to request \$2,500 be transferred from the powerline account to the park fund. **MOTION** carried.

DOT TAP GRANT

Pedretti reported the DOT TAP grant awarded for paving the current bike trail along Highway 53 is moving forward and she completed certification work needed for receiving the Federal funds. She reported the Town Chair is also seeking grant money to begin the process of constructing a bike/pedestrian trail on the north side of County Road MH.

2024 BUDGET

Members discussed possible budget items as follows:

\$15,000 = Wildflower Terrace Park, Phase 1

2,000 = wood chips

750 = porta potty at Flury Field

3,000 = maintenance

?? = park restrooms (indoor) light upgrade

?? = park trees

Brian Gray, W7936 Tulip Lane, asked for \$2,350 in the 2024 budget for park trees/shrubs and explained his request to provide native trees along a sparsely vegetated area of the Prairie Woods walking trail. Discussion followed. Members were asked to view the walking path from Dutch Avenue going west. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lein/Durnin to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk