

**PARK COMMITTEE**

TOWN OF HOLLAND

September 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chair Nikole Hauser, Naomi Bjergum, Karen Durnin, Doug Klenke and Tiffany Lein
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	Brian Gray, Jim Magnuson, Mike Hoffman, Town Supervisor, David Carlson, Town Crew, Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Durnin/Klenke to approve the August 28<sup>th</sup> minutes. **MOTION** carried.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** none given.

**PICKLEBALL**

Jim Magnuson, N7022 Acorn Street, gave an update on his request to install pickleball court(s) in a town park. He reported on other municipal leagues, the popularity/sustainability of the sport and asked for the appropriate protocol to move something forward. Discussion followed concerning placement, rehabilitating the current basketball court vs new, possible placement and sponsorship, fencing/wind screens and noise concerns. Bjergum will check with the school district on possible partnerships and Magnuson will research options and costs. Item will return to future agenda.

**PRAIRIE WOODS WALKING TRAIL**

Brian Gray, W7936 Tulip Lane, reviewed notes concerning his request to assist with removing invasives and planting native trees and bushes along a portion of the walking trail in the Prairie Woods subdivision. Discussion followed concerning options, watering, maintenance, ownership and the Town's responsibilities/concern with budget dollars and public use. Gray suggested not mowing the section of the trail that looks like a desert to allow native trees to sprout. David Carlson, Town crew, agreed that some top soil and native plants would help with the maintenance. Gray will research obtaining seeds from the Holland Sand Prairie. Item will return to future agenda.

**WILDFLOWER PARK**

Members reviewed the three year plan for the Wildflower Park, provided by Coulee Region Ecoscapes. Klenke estimated that, not including donations, the gazebo materials will cost around \$3,000. Pedretti noted the updated cost of Phase 1, which will include installation of shade trees, fruit trees and boulders was around \$11,000. Discussion followed concerning the stages and benefits of developing the park over three years. Motion by Lein/Klenke to recommend the three year plan for Wildflower Park drafted by the Coulee Region Ecoscapes. **MOTION** carried.

**2023 UPDATES & BUDGET**

Pedretti reported there was an additional expense to repair a mower but should still fall within the request of the Town Board to increase this year's budget by \$2,500. Carlson reported on research concerning the sandburs at Flury Field. It was the consensus to kill the weeds and plant grass seed after the first snow fall to allow for the best germination in the spring.

**2024 BUDGET**

Input was given concerning additional expenses for the 2024 budget items as follows:

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

2,000 = wood chips

750 = porta potty at Flury Field

3,000 = maintenance

1,000 = park restrooms (indoor) light upgrade

3,500 = park trees

Motion by Durnin/Bjergum to recommend \$33,000 for the Park budget next year. **MOTION** carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** TBD early spring

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bjergum/Lein to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk