
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Query, Commission Chair
Kevin Klynstra, Mayor
Thom Parker, Commissioner
Sue Lucas, Commissioner
Susan Finney, Commissioner
Amy Langeland, Commissioner
Ruth Berghorst, Commissioner

GUEST: Brett Geertsma, Director, Zeeland Recreation

CITY STAFF: Scott Nienhuis, Streets/Parks/Cemetery Supervisor
Susan Moore, Administrative Assistant

I. Approval of September 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Amy Langeland
Support: Mayor Klynstra
All in favor, motion passed.

II. Huizenga Park Softball Field / Brett Geertsma

- Zeeland Recreation Director Brett Geertsma joined the Commission to give an overview of the proposed ballfield improvements (creating a girls' softball field complex). At this time, Zeeland Rec has secured \$108k (from their budget), \$210k (corporate donation) leaving \$148k remaining to be funded out of the total \$458k budget. Commissioners will discuss the project further.
- When asked about pickle ball programming, Mr. Geertsma expressed interest in Zeeland Recreation assisting the City with this when the courts are completed.

III. Huizenga Park Phase II (Update)

- Supervisor Nienhuis reported that restroom construction has begun, foundations are in, plumbing/electrical inspections have passed, restroom floor is in and a retaining wall has been installed. Further construction is not anticipated to resume until March/April 2019.
- Mayor Klynstra suggested repainting/tidying up the current basketball courts @ HP rather than creating new ones.

IV. Rate Review – Cemetery & Parks

- The Commission agreed to maintain current cemetery rates however, they will revisit fees when the Felch Street Cemetery is closer to opening.
- A motion was made to:
Raise (rates for Lawrence Park rentals) to \$150.00 (effective July 1, 2019).
Motion: Mayor Klynstra
Support: Amy Langeland. All in favor, motion passed

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III. Other Items

- Felch Street Cemetery: Drives and mainline irrigation are in. There are still several things unfinished due to bad weather in the fall (complete irrigation, grass planting, fine grading & plot pins remain to be done), hopefully these will be completed by mid-May 2019.
- Lawrence Park Bowl Seating: The seating at the bowl is falling apart due to effects of weather over the years. Supervisor Nienhuis will look into other seating options (i.e., bleacher with backs, poured concrete, etc.) to find something more durable.
- VDL Park Fountain: Supervisor Nienhuis is looking to replace the lights at the fountain with new, color LED lights.
- Water Tank Lots: Commissioners were asked to think about two city-owned lots across from Captain Sundae (i.e., use for future park development, etc.) They are currently being appraised for possible sale.
- Huizenga Park Phase III: \$300K is budgeted (FY 2019/2020) for this next phase of park development. Commissioners will look more closely at the proposed improvements once Phase II is completed.
- Burial Report: 19 burials since September 20, 2018; 18 plot sales.
- American Legion Letter: Commission Chair Query received a letter from an American Legion member with photos of suggestions for a brick entryway/walkway design to consider for the new Felch Street Cemetery site.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 @ 5:00 PM / Cemetery Office Building

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