



# PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 4 PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

<b>Members Present:</b>	Amanda Bohrer, & John Skibsrud
<b>Members Absent:</b>	John Molendyke
<b>Mayor:</b>	Diana Solle
<b>CAO:</b>	Brian Bender
<b>Council Member:</b>	None
<b>Staff:</b>	Trent Freeman, Sean Herrick, & Cyndi Thompson
<b>Consultants:</b>	Kurt Thomson & Kathy Thompson (Stahly Engineering)
<b>Guests:</b>	See sign in sheet

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Bohrer called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

a. September 15<sup>th</sup>

The minutes were approved unanimously.

## 3. Public Comment - Limit to three minutes per person

None.

## 4. Continued Business: Existing items not listed to accommodate the planning session facilitated by Stahly Engineering.

## 5. New Business

a. Review and approval of Committee Bylaws.

Member Skibsrud motioned to approve the Committee Bylaws with Chairperson Bohrer seconding the motion. The Committee approved the motion a vote of two to zero.

**b. Parks & Trails Plan**

CAO Bender stated the City has obtained a grant from the state to compile a Parks & Trails plan. This meeting is helping to establish and Identify planning concepts.

**Suggestions for future parks and trail facilities**

Several committee members and guest made their suggestions individually on what could benefit the town, how to improve the existing parks and trails and discussed future parks and trails, what that could look like. The committee members and guest discussed the baseball fields and the improvements that need to be made.

Stahly Engineering stated this is our first step in getting your concept and brainstorming ideas out there on the table. Our next step is to take some of those ideas or all of those ideas together and have a public open house so the public can hear what the Committee is think about and comment on then and have their own ideas. We really want to engage that public process as well. That is the next step after our meeting today.

The Committee discussed the following goals and/or improved / expanded facilities:

1. Pickleball courts and exercise equipment on trails.
2. New or restored courts (basket / tennis).
3. Recreation center to accommodate numerous amenities.
4. Improve and maintain existing facilities.
5. Naming of fields (Elks grant).
6. West Side Park improvements (plant trees for shade).
7. Active centers – skate park.
8. Trail connectivity – dedicated trails to create a four-mile loop.
9. Paved trails for winter use.
10. Poor conditions on softball fields (prohibits league play and tournaments).
11. Splash park – water center for kids.
12. Security devices.
13. Little league development.

**6. Recreation Program Directors Update**

- a. Sean Herrick a provided a quick summary and emphasized the limitations COVID-19 has placed on the program.

**7. Committee Comment or Concerns**

Chairperson Bohrer asked if a soil screen was acquired for Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Freeman said not at this time.

**8. Announcement of the Next Meeting**

- a. Chairperson Bohrer confirmed November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM as the date and time for the next meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

Ms. Bohrer adjourned the meeting at 5:11PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson

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Amanda Bohrer, Chairperson

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Date

**Parks & Recreation Committee**

**Members**

Amanda Bohrer | John Molendyke | John Skibsrud