

PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR JANUARY 10TH 2024

9:30 FIRESIDE ROOM

The meeting was in-person only as there was a Zoom hookup issue and was called to order by Ollie at 9:31 with a quorum of Martin Howard, Marty Pease, Mike Bucy and Ollie Iversen. Also, present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson, and Mayor Marna Hanneman. Our guest was Chip Hall from 602 N 1st here in town.

Public comments-*Chip Hall asked for information as where we were on our DNR lease for the water frontage at Jordan Street Park. His property is several doors south of the park and he runs a boat moorage marina at his property. We said we have a Park plan, which includes the DNR lease, yet there is no start date at this time.*

Old Business

A. Pavilion Update-*The pavilion floor and the log supports were formed and poured last month by Public Works and the building they will be building it, later this year.*

B. Fish Slide-*We are looking into a new grant and other funding ways to move forward.*

C. Trees Planted on Morris Street-*Martin Howard and Mike Bucy reported they have met with Frank Scott, who does landscaping in the area, and he feels he can do this work single handedly and will be able to do it for about \$1000 per tree using the specs from Public Works. He will be able to start sometime next fall. Mike and Martin will come up with a firm price, a written funding program calling it, "Fund a Tree," and will have contacted all tree site adjacent property owners for their permission and involvement. They will present this at next month's meeting. If approved by Parks, the plan will then go to the Town Council for their approval.*

E. Add QR codes to all Parks- *Mayor Marna Hanneman asked us to place QR codes on all parks to give descriptions of the Parks for all visitors using the parks. Ollie said the Town Comprehensive Plan has all the up to date information on every park in town. Mike Bucy, who retired from IT, said it would not be difficult to access this information and get a QR code for each park. Prior to the meeting Ollie discussed this with Brian Lease of Public Works and his idea was to design a sign for each park with the individual park's QR code in the design. Mike will be checking to see if this can work.*

New Business

Scott Thomas brought up two new items. First he updated us about vandalism at Pioneer Park and Town says it will close that restroom throughout the winter season and open it when the park is rented. He made us aware of other cases of vandalism and says there is nothing to be done about it at this time. He also handed out a possible Town "Code of Conduct" for Town advisory commissioners to review, as at a later date, we will be asked to read and sign something very similar.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 Ollie Iversen Park, Commission