

## Parks Meeting Notes for Zoom meeting March 9, 2022 9:31 AM

The meeting was called to order by Ken Lee at 9:31 AM with Marty Pease, Martin Howard, Mike Bucy and Ken Lee present for a quorum. Also attending were Mary Wohleb, Town Council Representative and Scott Thomas, Town Administrator.

### Old Business

#### A. Introduce possible new Parks Commissioner.

Introduced newly appointed Parks Commissioner Michael Bucy. Mike fills the position held by Annie Taylor who was recently elected to the La Conner Town Council.

#### B. Conner Waterfront Park water fountain placement.

The location for the fountain suggested by La Conner Public Works Department was voted on and approved by Parks Commissioners.

#### C. Pavilion.

Michael's Custom Woodworks submitted plans for the Conner Waterfront Park pavilion the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> and the project has entered the building permit process. Multiple hoorays followed the good news.

#### D, Arborist

Nothing new, at this time, on hiring an arborist to evaluate the needs to improve the physical condition of Pioneer Park.

#### E. Maple Street Park Drawing,

Scott Thomas announced that Curt Miller is under contract to develop a plan and drawings for Maple Street Park. His design will be based on our 2021 survey and town codes. Scott also reported that according to La Conner Public Works Department to create proper parking on Talbot Street will require full street improvement and will likely be the major cost to develop the park. The subject of a boundary on Maple Street to help keep playing children from running into the street was brought up. Scott said it would likely be a chain link fence with some green belt included.

#### F. Tulip Parade April 9<sup>th</sup> a 2:00 PM.

We have been invited to participate in the parade but scheduling conflicts and temporary physical disabilities prevent us from doing so as a group this year.

### New Business-

1. The subject of a non-voting student representative being on the Parks Commission came up again. Scott has spoken to school authorities but it was preliminary at this point. It was suggested by a commission member that because of busy student schedules perhaps we should be open to holding some meetings later in the day. Thoughts on the subject were mixed. Scott will continue dialogue with school authorities.

2. The subject of a camouflaged phone tower came up with little discussion.

3. Public Works has been giving our parks (including tables and benches) an early spring tune-up so they will be ready for the sure to be busy summer ahead. Kudos to Brian and crew!

Note: The salmon slide needs some maintenance that requires the weather to warm up a bit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM,