

## PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2023

### 9:30 FIRESIDE ROOM

*The hybrid meeting was called to order at 9:32 by Ollie Iversen with as quorum of Martin Howard, Mike Bucy and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, and Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson.*

**Public comments**-*No guests were present either in-person or via Zoom.*

#### **Old Business**

A. Pavilion Update-*Ollie reported that this project is still on-going with no new information at this time.*

B. Fish Slide Repairs-*John Doyle and I are writing for a RCO grant called Local Parks Maintenance Program which does not require matching funds. It is for Parks maintenance, not new or continuing work. It is due on September 18<sup>th</sup> with the news in October if we got the grant and for how much, or not. We are including in the grant request Pioneer Park tree removal and cleanup per the recent arborist report on the tree situation in Pioneer Park.*

C. Trees on Morris Street-*To finance these trees, we have been included in the La Conner Chamber's grant request they are doing to finance next year's hanging baskets and new banners, used to beautify our town. In that grant they are including the cost to add 12, street sensitive, trees which will be planted along Morris Street to soften and beautify the street's look when driving into town. The trees will be placed into existing holes with a containment to keep the roots from the streets and sidewalks. This grant will be awarded in October.. We will plant as many new trees along Morris Street as their funding will cover. We will do this again in 2024 if needed, to finish the project. The funds for this will not go through the Town, it has not yet been determined how, and Public Works has full knowledge of this.*

D. Parks Budget for 2024-*The Parks budget proposal has been forwarded to the Mayor, who will work with staff to refine the budget and forward a draft to the Council on September 26.*

E. Pioneer Park Tree Work-*See item B. above*

#### **New Business**

*Public Works announced that the stairway behind the bathrooms on Morris Street will need to be replaced sometime in the future. No date for this was given at this time.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:02*

*Ollie Iversen*

*La Conner Parks Commission*