

## PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023

### 9:30 GARDEN CLUB

*The Garden Club has no wifi so the meeting was in-person only, and was called to order at 9:33 by Ollie Iversen with a quorum of Ken Lee, Mike Bucy, Martin Howard, and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, and Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson*

**Public comments**-*There were no public comments.*

#### **Old Business**

A. Pavilion-Ollie reported that Public Works will be taking over the building of the pavilion starting with pouring the floor and post foundations later this month. We have the funding, the plans, and all permits in hand, so Public Works/Town have decided they will build the pavilion and completed sometime next year.

B. Fish Slide-The slide has been covered to protect the structure during the winter months. We are looking for grants which will provide funding to make the slide usable as soon as possible.

C. Trees Planted on Morris Street-Mike Bucy opened the discussion talking about a DNR Urban Forestry Grant proposal he was looking into to fund the planting of the trees on Morris. After a bit of discussion, it became obvious the timing was a bit short and it would require a tremendous amount of help from the Town, which they don't have, to get this application moving. This led us back to the possibility of developing a "Adopt a Tree Program" which could finance the planting of 10 to 12 trees. Mike and Martin Howard will also look into this aspect, along with the possibility of the DNR grant. Ollie will email all Parks Commissioners to send them the DNR link so they all can see what it can and can't do.

E. Planting Tulip Bulbs at Roundabout-It was reported that Parks combined with La Conner Rotarians on October 19<sup>th</sup> planted tulip bulbs at the roundabout. All the bulbs were planted in nine wine half barrels with the donated "Ethan Smiles" bulbs in barrels at the three points of the roundabout. The remainder of the bulbs, supplied by Rotary, were planted in the remaining barrels. By planting them in barrels, we can make sure the bulbs always have fresh soil. The bulbs will be removed sometime after the April season. And replanted in October, using new dirt.

#### **New Business**

- A. *The option of not having a December Parks meeting was discussed with the idea if we were moving ahead with the DNR Grant we would need to meet, otherwise we wouldn't meet.*
- B. *Martin Howard brought up the idea of putting a Park sign up at the Maple open field similar to the sign at Jordan Street, with the possibility of adding a picnic table to the site.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:17*

*Ollie Iversen, Park Commission*