

## PARK COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

September 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Chair Jeff Herlitzke, Naomi Bjergum, Karen Durnin, Patrick Strupp
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Brian Meeter
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Marilyn Pedretti, Clerk

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Herlitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices were properly posted. The committee welcomed Karen Durnin as a new member.

### MINUTES

Motion by Strupp/Bjergum to approve the minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** none given.

### 2019 PARKS

Ballfield drainage issues: Herlitzke updated the committee and noted seven truckloads of lime/mix were spread around the two ballfields with good results. He noted there is still a small amount of ponding. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to keep an eye on it next spring and that, if more lime/mix was needed, the Holmen Youth Baseball Parents Association (HYBPA) would be asked to contribute.

Storage shed: Herlitzke reported the HYBPA used the storage area between the outdoor restrooms this summer to store their ATV and it seemed to be a good solution. He suggested checking with the HYBPA to see if that will be sufficient next year and if they will be storing the ATV here during the off-season.

Inspection sheets: Clerk Pedretti had not received the updated inspection sheets as of today. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to have Pedretti forward the latest inspections sheets to members via email.

Other park concerns: Bjergum asked about the wood chips. Pedretti explained the issue with finding a vendor. Durnin and Bjergum would like to conduct a neighborhood survey to get an updated perspective as new houses and new people have moved into the neighborhood. Herlitzke reported the park equipment was installed at Gaynor and he was happy to see the teeter-totter remained. He reported the suggestion for a gazebo in the Wildflower Park was tabled by the Town Board for further study of future needs. Herlitzke suggested the remaining 2019 budget could be allocated for purchasing a zip line for a cost of approximately \$13,600. Discussion followed. Motion by Strupp/Bjergum to recommend purchasing in 2019 a zip line to be installed at the park of our choice after more research. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### POLICY: TOBACCO FREE

Herlitzke explained a resident requested the Town discuss the idea of making the parks tobacco free. Discussion followed concerning enforcement, designated areas and feasibility. It was the consensus to study further and Durnin volunteered to help research.

## LONG RANGE PARK PLAN

Members reviewed the Town of Holland Long Range Park Plan, which was last updated in 2016. Several edits were made and a revised version will be presented at the next meeting.

## 2020 PARK PROJECTS

Ninja park: Herlitzke presented several drawings of ninja park equipment. Bjergum noted the Onalaska ninja park is very popular. Discussion followed concerning size, location, benefits and costs. Pedretti reviewed the past Park budgets in relation to the CapX2020 and BCL funds. Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to recommend purchasing, in the 2020 budget, ninja park equipment at the approximate amount of \$65,000 to be placed or installed at a park of our choice with further research on space availability. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Ice rink: Herlitzke explained the idea for an ice rink was raised a few years back and asked for committee input. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to table until further study.

Fence guard: Herlitzke reported Town crew member Norm Clark asked the committee to research the feasibility of installing “fence guard” around the park fences to cut down on maintenance. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to get some quotes to have a better understanding of costs and to hold over until the 2021 budget.

Other play equipment/maintenance: Herlitzke reported all other equipment looks in good shape.

## 2020 BUDGET

Discussion took place on park needs for the 2020 budget. It was the consensus that the larger park equipment should come from the BCL environmental fee funds. The following budget requests were given:

\$ 1,200 – woodchips
2,000 – general maintenance
1,000 – stump grinding (ash tree removal)
1,000 – new park trees
63,000 – ninja park equipment
<u>7,000 – ninja park safety base</u>
\$75,200 – total request

Motion by Durnin/Strupp to recommend the 2020 park budget of \$75,200. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

## FUTURE AGENDA AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will most likely take place in March, 2020.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bjergum/Strupp to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pedretti  
Town Clerk