

PARK COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

September 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Naomi Bjergum, Karen Durnin, Doug Klenke and Tiffany Lein
OTHERS PRESENT	Brian Gray, David Carlson (Town Crew), Marilyn Pedretti (Town Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Klenke/Bjergum to approve the minutes of May 6th. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: none given.

REQUEST FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

Lindsay Nied, N8350 Ducke Drive (not present), requested the Town spray for mosquitos at the parks. Pedretti explained a phone call this spring from Nied concerned about mosquitos at Skogen’s field during the baseball season. Discussion followed concerning costs, safety concerns and the impact on pollinators. It was the consensus to not pursue spraying for mosquitos.

REQUEST FOR INVASIVE REMOVAL

Brian Gray, W7936 Tulip Lane, requested the Town remove invasive trees along the Prairie Woods walking trail. He explained there were approximately nine trees (Siberian elm, black locust and buckthorn) along the pathway that should be removed to prevent spreading. Discussion followed concerning invasives, process and timing. David Carlson, Town crew member, will determine whether the crew can remove or if it needs to be hired out and report to the Town Board.

UPDATE: BIKE TRAILS

Holland Bike Trail: Stupi reported the contract was signed but due to late negotiations with the DOT, the engineers were not able to meet the first deadline. He noted they will reschedule and move forward with 2025 construction. Stupi also reported the landowner at the north end of the trail has agreed to the removal of a cottonwood tree that inhibits drainage.

County Road MH bike trail: Stupi reported the Town did receive a grant to construct the first portion of the bike trail on the north side of County Road MH, from the round-about at Briggs Road to Sunrise Lane. He noted the Town has applied for a grant to complete the trail to County Road XX.

WILDFLOWER PARK

Gazebo: Klenke reported phase 1 of constructing the gazebo at Wildflower Park is completed and phase 2 will take place in about a month. He noted several items yet to be purchased for budget purposes.

3-year plan: Pedretti reported the trees are scheduled for planting later this month and that the two plum trees are on back order due to a spring disease.

HIDDEN PAIRIE PARK

Members reviewed the draft park survey. Bjergum provided a QR code. It was the consensus to send the survey in the next week with a deadline for return of October 31st.

TOWN CREW REPORT

Carlson highlighted several items on his written report. He had concerns with the placement of the backstop at Gaynor Park, which was removed during the stormwater construction. Discussion followed. Carlson with contact Gaynor resident Norm Clark to ask for public input.

2024 BUDGET

Members reviewed the status of the 2024 budget and reviewed the “needs” list from April. Discussion followed concerning the budget item for purchasing park trees. It was the consensus to purchase park trees as follows:

- 1 = August Prairie
- 1 = Holland Estates
- 2 = Town Park
- 4 = near the open field to the west of the Town hall (soccer area)

Motion by Bjergum/Lien to recommend to purchase all the replacement items listed to repair equipment at August Prairie minus the monster slide repair for approximately \$5,000 and purchase at least 8 trees not exceeding \$2,500 to use the remaining 2024 budget. **MOTION** carried. Pedretti will obtain pricing.

2025 BUDGET

Park equipment: Discussion took place concerning possible equipment needs for 2025.

Ballfield fencing: Bjergum reported on her research concerning the ballfield fencing at the Town hall. She noted her consultant suggested the fence was flaking but had a good 10-15 years left. No action at this time.

Paved bike trail: Klenke explained he is still researching the option of installing a bike trail that would run from Wildflower Park, back behind the ballfields and come out by the shelter house in the Town park. Discussion followed. Pedretti will contact Mathy to get some cost estimates and report to the Town Board during their budget discussions.

Other budget items: Carlson requested funds to apply double sealcoat to the Hammes Park parking entrance (\$5,000 estimate). He also suggested painting the floor of Shelter #1 (\$100 estimate). Carlson reported the wood chips are decaying and causing build-up and suggested they need to dig out and replace with either pea gravel or wood chips. Discussion followed. It was the consensus not to use pea gravel and that only the areas around the slides and such should need digging out (\$3,000 estimate). Members discussed equipment needs at the Town hall park and the consensus was to purchase some type of climbing equipment to replace the older playset (\$40,000 estimate). Stupi suggested the possibility of repaving the basketball court. Pedretti will obtain some cost estimates to share with the Town Board during budget discussions. Items requested for the 2025 budget:

\$ 5,000	Hammes Park – double sealcoat driveway/parking area
100	Paint Shelter #1 floor
3,000	Wood chips
250	Porta potty (temporary spring use)
21,000	Wildflower Park Phase 2 commitment
5,000	Maintenance
<u>40,000</u>	Town hall park climbing equipment
\$74,350	

Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to recommend the park budget for 2025 to be \$74,350 with the possibility of increasing if Mathy is paving the parking lot and we would consider doing the basketball court and walking trail at the same time. **MOTION** carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bjergum/Lien to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk