

PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR March 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Ollie Iversen at 9:30am with a quorum of Annie Taylor, Marty Pease, Ken Lee, and Ollie Iversen. Martin Howard joined a few minutes later. Also present were Mayor Ramon Hayes, Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson and Brian Lease of Public Works

Old Business

- A. *“Puddles” artwork placement-After a discussion of the two sites for “Puddles” Log Park and the lower landing at the Benton Street Stairs, there was a request for a motion on which site should be chosen. Ollie Iversen mentioned he spoke with Marion, Doug Bison’s partner, about the two sites and she was good with both. Marty Pease made a motion to have it placed at the SW corner of Log Park next to the sidewalk. It was seconded by Ken Lee and the motion was passed unanimously.*
- B. *“Fence” artwork placement-As this piece has yet to be accepted by the Town, we discussed its possible placement at the east side of Log Park which would require some minor changes to the area. Brian Lease of Public Works said the piece would have to be refurbished and he did not know what it will take to move it and place it. He estimated the cost would be between \$1,500 to \$2,000. Ollie Iversen said he would be speaking to Tracy Powell today, one of the two artists who built the piece, to discuss his thoughts about re-furbishing and placement.*

New Business

- A. *Maple Street Park-This is the baseball field along Maple Street that Dave Hedlin was renting to the town for years, which he now wants to sell. He wants to make sure some part of it will remain as a park. Town cannot afford the price, so they are working with a developer to build approximately 10 houses on the site which will allow the town to own and keep 30% as a park. The developer has been given 14 days to see if it works out, starting today. We will lose the baseball field yet keep a park on that side of town. By owning the property, it will hopefully be easier to get a grant to build out the park.*
- B. *Upcoming Town Meeting about Maple Street Park-There is an active citizen’s group concerning this park, which we will be asking to join us for a Parks Special Town Meeting to open the discussion with them how this park should look and see if they may want to help with the planning and funding issues. The Town survey we did in 2019, part of the comprehensive plan, came back with what the town people wanted to see from parks at that time. The Zoom meeting about this is being scheduled for Wednesday March 25th, at 6pm.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.