

PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR APRIL 12TH 2023

9:30 FIRESIDE ROOM

The in person only meeting was brought to order at 9:30 by Ollie Iversen, with a quorum of Martin Howard, Ken Lee, Marty Pease, and Ollie Iversen. Also present was Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohlub, Town Councilperson and Ajah, Eills, Town Assistant Planner

Public comments—*No guests at today's meeting*

Old Business

A. Kiosk Repair Update-*The kiosks have all been sand blasted and will be painted/powder coated later this week and when dry they will be sent to the sign painter to put names on the Gilkey and Swinomish kiosks. After all that they will be installed at their sites which will be about several weeks.*

B. Pavilion Permit Update-*Ajah Eills, Assistant Planner has been closely following this and said the building permit has been approved by the County and has yet to be issued. Yeah! Bids will be requested so the pavilion will probably be constructed during the late summer or early fall. The Rotary Club of La Conner's Board will be informed where we are at this time, as their grant for \$5000 to pour the concrete floor will be needed prior to construction.*

C. Fish Slide Update-*The contractor who is going to review the Fish Slide has been very busy and is behind schedule and should be on site soon.*

D. Trees on Morris Street Update-*Martin Howard gave us a presentation, along with a map, of the sites which have tree grates, six, and seven sites which appear to be Town property, between the sidewalk and the street, along with three existing trees all along Morris Street. He also said, Washington Governor Inslee proclaimed today, April 12th as Washington Arborist Day. Ajah will be looking at the sites to make sure they all are in Town property. Ollie and Ajah will be getting phone numbers of each tree site so Mary Wohlub can make the calls to tell adjacent owner about what Park's has in mind. Mary Wohlub brought up the idea we should make these trees available as "commemorative" so individuals could fund a tree along with a sign which would be a wonderful opportunity for Town folk to remember someone while beautifying Town. Mike Bucy had an emergency this morning and could not make today's meeting and he is ok. He wrote a note this afternoon to me with a lot of tree information along with soil information, possible root damage, tree form and maintenance, along with tree life expectancy and some names of trees which would be a good fit for this area and their sites. I can pass his email on to anyone in Parks who would like it.*

E. Pioneer Park Tree Risk Assessment Update-*The arborist, Urban Forestry Services has completed the Level 1 and 2 Risk Assessment of the trees in Pioneer Park and the final document will be sent to Town shortly.*

New Business

Mary Wohlub brought up that Marna Hanneman brought to the Town Council the idea of Parks doing something to honor Ethan Chapin the local student killed while at school in Moscow Idaho. His family, along with Tulip Valley Farms are selling Tulip bulbs under the program called "Ethan Smiles" with the funds going in his name to fund students at his university. Martin, Mary, Ollie, and Marty all said we should self-fund by buying 100 bulbs and plant them in the roundabout coming into town to be a part of "Ethan Smiles."

Scott Thomas said he would like to bring up Jordan Street Park at the next meeting, so it will be on the May agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33

Ollie Iversen
Parks Commissioner