

## PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2022

### 9:30 FIRESIDE ROOM

**Present:** Ken Lee, Marty Pease, Martin Howard, and Ollie Iversen for a quorum. Also in attendance were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson Michael Davolio, Town Planner and Brian Lease, Public Works

**Public comments-***There were no guests, so there were no public comments*

#### Old Business

**A. Park Impact Fees, Michael Davolio Town Planner-***Michael Devolio explained to Parks his proposal to the Town Council last night, to adopt Impact Fees on newbuilding developments in town for Fire and Parks. The fees going to the Fire Department would include all new buildings including residential, yet the fees which would go to Parks would only come from new residential homes. To do this he said that the Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated and he and I will start that next week. One note, all fees brought in must be spent within five years or the money would be returned. This is a new building fee for Fire and Parks, although the Town schools have been collecting similar fees for some time. These fees will be voted on by the Town Council and then they will be sent to the State of Washington for their review which will take about two months. The goal is to have this ready for the beginning of 2023.*

**B. Pavilion Update-***The funds on record to build the pavilion, less the concrete pad, is \$32,000 and is in the 2023 proposed town budget. Ken Lee reported his building contact has not responded at this time and felt he should have information from him this time next week. Martin Howard brought in a proposal from a company called Caribou Creek. Their proposal came in about twice where our original builder quoted, although that price was about one year ago. Scott Thomas felt to get this moving, we should turn the project over to Brian Lease for permitting and costs. We will discuss this, yet Brian has so much on his plate at this time, we may find that is difficult. Mary Wohleb felt the Shoreline Permit was completed and on file as it was a part of the armoring of the rock wall. Scott will look into this.*

**C. Fish Slide Repairs-***Brain Lease has put \$30,000 in the 2023 proposed budget for 2023 and some of these funds would be used to get a professional opinion if the Fish Slide can be saved and if so, make it safely usable. If it cannot be saved, we could plug both ends and keep it as a sculpture or if that is not feasible, take it out. Before any of this is done, it will be enclosed for the winter months to keep it as stable as possible.*

**D. Maple Street Park-***As the RCO turned down our request for funding, so for the time being this park will be maintained as an open grass playground. To minimize any issue with children who play there, Martin Howard made a motion, seconded by Marty Pease, to buy and place a dark green three foot high cyclone fence along the Maple Street sidewalk. The funds for this are from the Rotary Club of La Conner which was put forward to help build this park and it will include a small Rotary logo. Three*

*commissioners voted for it, Ken Lee, Martin Howard, and Marty Pease with one vote against by Ollie Iversen.*

**E. Roger Small Sculpture at Benton Street Stairs-** *“The Visionary” a steel sculpture by artist Roger Small, was donated to the Town by Marilyn Thostenson and placed at the base of the Benton Street stairs on October 11<sup>th</sup>, by Public Works. They built a pedestal and used heavy equipment to place her at the bottom landing of the stairs. Thank you Marilyn Thostenson for another beautiful piece of art for all of us to enjoy here in town.*

#### **New Business**

*Scott Thomas, Town Administrator brought up that the town just purchased a parcel of land between Bay Cove and South Fourth Street. It is about ¾ of an acre, and he would like Parks to work with the town and see what the best use of the new piece would be now, and into the future.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:59.*