

# Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 15, 2023

## 1. Call to Order: 3:01PM

### Roll call:

#### Present:

Gordy Holmes  
Matt Withers  
Lisa Bruce  
Judy Williams  
Meagen Watne  
Cathy Wooten

#### Others Present:

Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager  
Kevin Pellham, Engineering Technician  
Tansy Schroeder, City Planner  
Steve Shepro, Stanwood City Councilmember  
Peter Kamb, public

#### Absent:

Dave Hall

## 2. Public Comments: None.

## 3. Approval of March 2023 PTAC Minutes: Minutes approved as written.

## 4. PROS Plan Survey Review:

Tansy Schroeder, City Planner, presented the two draft PROS Plan surveys. The committee reviewed the surveys and gave feedback city staff to possibly adjust the survey to “kid it down” before it is sent out. Tansy reported that the surveys will be made available at local events like the Farmer’s Market, Movies in the Park and provided to youth-oriented organizations like the YMCA, and local sports leagues. No action was taken.

## 5. Uptown Neighborhood Park Discussion:

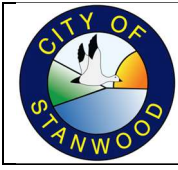
Tansy Schroeder, City Planner, presented maps identifying the area being considered for the location of a new park in the “uptown” area of the city. The committee discussed the possibility of the city taking ownership of the various existing private Homeowner Association parks to make them available to all citizens. They also proposed various uses for a new park that are currently absent in the park system: Barbeque areas, covered area for basketball, climbing wall and lighted facilities. The Committee also expressed their desire for any new parks to have safe pedestrian access. The Committee also commented that they would like to focus on enhancing the existing parks with turf sports fields, lights for evening use, concessions, and better pedestrian access and parking. Bender Field in Lynden was given as an example of a good use of space. No action was taken.

## 6. Church Creek Park Project Priorities Review:

The committee reviewed the previously adopted project priority list. Completed projects were identified as well as projects that are in the current 2023-2024 budget. Staff discussed the impacts of the recent CCP wetland study will not preclude any projects but may increase planned budgets and/or necessitate changes to planned locations. No action was taken.

## 7. Park/Trails Updates

- **Pickleball Construction** – The project has encountered some delays due to contractor error. There are solutions in place to correct the deficiencies, but it will extend the project. A ribbon cutting event will be held once the courts are complete.



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- **CCP Baseball Field Improvements** – the fields are open for use and the new outfield grass is coming in nicely.
- **Hamilton Park Construction** – Construction/bid documents are expected to be completed this month and out for bid in June. The current budget may not cover all amenities. Some components will be bid as alternatives so that adjustments can be made if necessary – restrooms, piling removal and labyrinth pavers specifically.
- **Ovenell Park Public Farm Proposal** – public farm project has been delayed due to sponsorship issues with the SC Food Bank. Any lease will likely be for next year.
- **Heritage Park Skate Park** – skate park upgrade installation confirmed for June 26 -30.

### 8. Committee Comments

Cathy Wooten read a comment into the record regarding the Church Creek Park wetland report that was issued. She indicated that she was not concerned about the wetland but wants to see the creek protected. She requested a Critical Areas Report rather than a wetland delineation.

Judy Moved and Cathy seconded a motion to recommend PTAC review a striping plan and cost estimate for Church Creek Park at a future meeting. The Committee voted 5 to 1 in support.

Cathy moved and Judy seconded a motion to forward a recommendation to the Mayor to retain parking/access rights on the one acre property adjacent to Church Creek Park in any future sale. The Committee voted 6 to 0 in support of the motion.

**Adjourn: 5:02PM**