
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Query, Commission Chair
Kevin Klynstra, Mayor
Thom Parker, Commissioner
Sue Lucas, Commissioner
Amy Langeland, Commissioner

ABSENT: Ruth Berghorst, Commissioner
Susan Finney, Commissioner

GUESTS: Royal Park Condominium Residents

CITY STAFF: Scott Nienhuis, Streets/Parks/Cemetery Supervisor
Susan Moore, Administrative Assistant

I. **Huizenga Park – Timber Town Lighting**

Several Royal Park Condominium residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns about what they consider to be excessive/intense lighting at the Timber Town play area. This lighting is affecting their sleep and they also had concerns about the lighting attracting potential vandals to the park. They requested that the following solutions be considered:

1. Move the light poles to the east side of the play area (so they are facing the parking lot)
2. Install shields to tone down the lighting in some areas
3. Install motion sensors

The Commission initially installed the lighting to address vandalism at the park prior to improvements but acknowledged the residents' concerns and would discuss ways to help alleviate the situation. To start, Supervisor Nienhuis will contact the Zeeland Board of Public Works about some sort of shade (either currently available or perhaps something custom made) that could be installed to help re-direct some of the lighting away from the condos without jeopardizing the overall intended security of the park. Regarding Phase II development, residents also had concerns about where any new lighting would be located.

II. **Approval of January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Mayor Klynstra

Support: Amy Langeland/Thom Parker

All in favor, motion passed.

III. **Huizenga Park Master Plan / Phase III Design**

- Supervisor Nienhuis asked the Commission if they wanted a floating fishing pier in Phase III. Commissioners were asked to re-visit the Huizenga Park Master Plan so they can discuss this next phase of improvements at future meetings. While the bathrooms near the ball fields will be renovated as part of Phase III, they will not be done this year to coincide with the improvements to the fields to be done by Zeeland Recreation.

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IV. Other Items, Issues

- Huizenga Park Phase II Update: This phase will hopefully be wrapped up in late July/August. Construction will resume again this spring when the weather breaks.
- Lawrence Park: A large tree branch fell onto the fencing of the basketball court causing some damage.
- Huizenga Park Basketball Courts: These will be repainted this year.
- Felch Street Cemetery: Completion is anticipated by the end of May, weather permitting (however, plots may not be marked). If this phase comes in under budget there may be some funds for an entrance sign, etc. This should be added as a future meeting agenda item.
- Burial Report: 16 burials.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 5:00 PM / Cemetery Office Building

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