



Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022

court added in the park with the current budget allocation. The consensus of the discussion was that more pickleball courts are better than less. The Committee requested that staff obtain an estimate for analysis and design of a second court (to include a construction cost estimate) so that a final decision could be made whether to go forward with only the one planned multipurpose basketball/pickleball court or possibly to add another court to the workplan, with Council approval. Once the estimates are received, the Committee will discuss the overall budget to determine if two courts are possible with the current budget or with some shifting between other planned projects or if a budget increase would be necessary for a second court.

Park Impact Fees

The Growth Management Act requires cities to plan and provide parks and recreation facilities that are adequate to accommodate growth. In 2018 the City of Stanwood adopted their Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan that includes a vision for a future parks department and priorities for park development. The application of Park Impact Fees (PIF) is one financial tool available to cities to help facilitate the implementation of the PROS plan.

There will be a public hearing on February 14th, and the PIFs will go to Council at the first and second Council meetings in March for approval.

The meeting was running long, so the Committee was asked to review the PIF information and let staff know if they have any questions.

Year-to-Date Tax Revenue

Our most recent sales tax received (for the month of September) continues to show an overall decline from 2020, which was an extraordinary year due to the construction of the high school in 2020. September retail sales tax increased six percent from August, indicating continued stability in the economy.

City Email Communication

Board/Committee members need to have a city email address if they are going to be communicating about city business other than basic scheduling issues. We need to ascertain who needs a city email address so we can get it set up through Snohomish County IT. Also, members will need to check their email at least once every 90 days or the email goes inactive. The email password also changes every 90 days so members will need to monitor and manage their accounts.

The Committee was asked to contact Audrey Rotrock if they wish to have a city mail address set up.

Park Updates

- Gray was selected from the proposed roofing color options for the Eagle Scout project for dugout renovations at Church Creek Park.
- Heritage Baseball field project is complete and field surfaces are coming along well.
- Hamilton Grant and Permit Status is also moving along.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01.