# Banks council wrestles with park fees and nuisance abatement

The question of who will be on the Banks City Council in January remained uncertain at the time of their November 12 meeting. Brock Banks was the only candidate appearing on the ballot, although there were three open council positions. Mayor Bob Orlowski was re-elected without opposition. Also in doubt was the outcome of the library bond measure. Washington County elections office anticipated completing a tally of votes and write-in candidates by Nov. 22.

### Greenville Park Fees

The parks committee, which has been working on a fee schedule for the last two years, presented the council with a proposed schedule last month. At that time, city attorney Jim Lucas was asked to review the document and return it for consideration at the November meeting.

The proposal recommends fees for the reservation and rental of the gazebo and the four quadrants of field, and would require city residents to pay significantly less than non-residents. It also proposes setting aside two quadrants which could be reserved on a seasonal basis for use by sport leagues for $500 per quadrant.

Mark Haynes, who is a member of the Parks Committee, appeared to protest the Greenville Park fee schedule because he feels the proposed fees are too high and would cause friction with Arbor Village residents. He presented information on the fee schedule for Forest Grove parks, which he said have better facilities, including lights and restrooms. Lucas, who is a resident of Forest Grove, noted that Forest Grove parks receive property taxes from a parks district assessment.

Parks committee chairman Brock Banks said the committee reviewed fees charged in other parks and researched the costs of maintaining the park in good condition. According to Banks, though the park is used for soccer, it was not designed for field games and is subject to greater compaction than fields that have a rock base. According to Banks, the current crane fly infestation is the result of compaction caused by two years of use without field spiking, which increases drainage and aeration. Banks also said that four of the five members of the parks committee live in Arbor Village.

Lucas felt it would be unwise to approve an agreement that did not place responsibility for inspection of safety conditions on the renter. He also suggested that event insurance be required and that the use or serving of alcohol be specifically prohibited. Lucas will rewrite for council review in December.

### Nuisance Abatement

Donna Davis made an emotional appeal for additional time to abate nuisances at 140 Depot St. At a hearing last month, council approved notification to require removal of all debris, including abandoned cars and trailers, rubbish and high weeds. According to Davis, this was the first notice she has received about the situation. She also contested some details cited in the nuisance abatement notice.

Davis told council that the property reverted to her ownership Oct. 1 and that she has been working every weekend to clean it up. She said she hopes to clean up the property and remodel it for her parents. The current occupant is Davis's sister.

Councilors Teri Branstitre, Judy Clifford, Katie Murdoch and Tim Hardie agreed to discuss, in January, whether or not the city needed to abate the nuisance, in order to allow the property owner time to do the work herself. Councilor Gary Coffey opposed the delay.

### Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Tim Grossnickle received approval to build a small storage shed adjacent to the slow sand filter, and to use Allen Spiering as a sole-source contractor. The shed will provide storage for tools and the ATV, while leaving most of $45,000 budgeted for a public works shop building available for other uses. The project cost is estimated at $3500.

Grossnickle told council that the first of five turbidimeters has been installed. The meters are considered very accurate and will tie into the computer control system. Programming is progressing on the computer system and hardware will be installed soon. The project is on schedule, according to Grossnickle.


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