

**Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 2015  
Minutes**

Members Present: June Sprout, Patrick Carroll, Russell Motschenbacher, Charlie Bruckner,  
Members Absent: Shirley Davis, William Ramsey, Lynn Oatman

**Board motioned to approve minutes as written. Motion seconded and carried.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Working on the summer guide and getting registration options on-line. This will be a positive move forward for staff and residents.
- Met with MDT on Sun River Connector trail.
- Getting ready for budget process.
- Directors and Commissioners will meet during a retreat March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Park Dedication Ordinance*

Ordinance 3130 better clarifies park land dedication and cash payments in-lieu of the dedication of park land;

- All board members received a copy to review. Staff has met with Fiscal, Planning and the City Attorney to review. Everyone is in favor of the proposed changes/additions. Montana's other major cities have the required regulations.
- Provides for process of dedication of parks
- Sets the standards for park dedication; provisions for cash in-lieu of the dedication of park land
- Provision for calculation of fees in lieu of parkland (including appraisal that would provide formula based on market analysis) also a procedure by Park and Recreation on tracking the funds.
- Allows for a park maintenance fee to be assessed to the properties.

Patrick spoke on the problems he sees on how parks are dedicated and/or cash in lieu of formula. We should have the right to propose stricter standards on park land dedication and cash in-lieu of payments should be assessed as residential lots, not unimproved land. Even though we are self governing, we cannot override the state code. Further discussion on the agreement, Board feels we should get more cash in-lieu of.

**Board motioned to recommend the Planning Advisory Board recommend the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3130. Motion was seconded and carried.**

*Westside Orchard Gardens*

Presentation - cancelled

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Staff*

Todd Seymanski, City Forester

- With the high winds and temperatures we may have some damage to trees come spring. Already seeing pine and juniper damage from November.
- Trimming trees

#### Lonnie Dalke, Park Maintenance

- Working on maintenance projects.
- Accident at Broadwater/Overlook where someone knocked out an electrical box, sign and a tree.
- Accident by Boy Scouts leased building at Wadsworth Park where someone went through gate.
- Sewer Line issue on the back side of Gibson Pond, it has been repaired.
- New play structure for Dudley Anderson, will install this spring and should take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

#### Patty Rearden

- Westbank park project will go to Planning Board and if recommended will go to the City Commission on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Presentation to NHC 3 this week and NHC 2 in March.
- Golf Courses - removing the Russian Olives on the back nine at Anaconda Hills, this has been a two year process and is now completed.

#### *Board*

Russ - why and who put the speed limit signs at JC park?

- Patty said public works did it per request from City Mayor
- 15mph on one side of park only - is it enforceable and why 15mph when schools are 25mph?

**With no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:40pm**