

Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: Charlie Bruckner, June Sprout, Russell Motschenbacher, Patrick Carroll, Shirley Davis

Members Absent: Lynn Oatman

Staff Present: Joe Petrella, Patty Rearden, Todd Seymanski, Lonnie Dalke, Cindy Stein

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

With no corrections or additions to the minutes, Board motioned to approve as written. Motion second and carried.

DIRECTOR

- Water Park opens on Friday
 - soft rental today at the park
- Summer camps start on Monday, all camps are filled
- Pilot program on Footgolf. Paperwork and scorecards have been created, Wade Altschwager has laid out the course, and it is ready to open at Anaconda Hills (see informational sheet). Board received information on the course.
- The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Standards for National Accreditation provide an authoritative assessment tool for park and recreation agencies. Through compliance with these national standards of excellence, CAPRA accreditation assures policy makers, department staff, the general public and tax payers that an accredited park and recreation agency has been independently evaluated against established benchmarks as delivering a high level of quality. We will be utilizing these standards to do a self assessment over the next few years. The fee for accreditation is \$3,000 the first year and then \$300 yearly for the next five years.
- Our department has been sending monthly reports on what is going on to the City Manager and Commissioners.
- The old Park and Ponder building at Gibson Park is scheduled for demolition today.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

USDA Forest Service Project Proposal

USDA Forest Service Project Proposal with the Bureau of Land Management was presented by Joe. Board received a map of the new location of the BLM building, located behind Eagle Falls Golf Club on 38th Street. There is an issue with road access from River Drive and they are asking for an easement for an entry and exit point on 38th Street. In return, we are requesting landscaping and new entry points into the park (American Baseball Fields).

There were no concerns from the Board with the proposed entrance/exit at this time.

Westside Orchard Garden Lease

Park and Recreation has a current Use Agreement with Westside Orchards for use of Community Hall Park. The current agreement was approved on department level and not Commission level. We are proposing a new agreement; this will not change anything with the lease just moving it to Commission level.

Board motioned to recommend the use agreement with Sunburst Unlimited motion second and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Staff

Todd Seymanski, City Forester

- Trimming
- Flower garden planted
- Equipment breaking down
- Lots of aphids this year and other bugs.

Lonnie Dalke, Park Supervisor

- We now have a new sprayer for pesticide use.
 - Starting a new weed control program
- Entering into a memorandum of understanding with Recreational Trails Inc. to help maintain the trail system.
 - Portions of the trail will be closed starting today to work on the edges.
- Roof at Gibson bathrooms will be replaced as soon as the old Park and Ponder building is demolished.

Patty Rearden, Deputy Director

- Westbank Park project is underway
 - Water and sewer going in for the new bathroom in July
 - Rest room project is scheduled to begin late August
 - Parking lot and vault toilet will begin in September
 - Irrigation, landscaping design being done now, project to be done in 2016
 - Trail projects will not be done until 2016

Other

- A new section of trail is being added to Russell Park; it is being funded by CTEP that was approved in February 2012. All neighborhood councils have approved this project.
- Kids Fishing Day is at Wadsworth Park this Saturday.

With no further business meeting adjourned.