

Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Lynn Oatman, Lonnie Hill, Shirley Davis, Patrick Carroll, George Geise, June Sprout, Erin Madison Granger

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

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

With no changes or corrections to the minutes from May, motion made to accept, second, motion carried.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Vending in Parks

- Magic Beans has applied and received a permit to do mobile vending in parks. They have started today.

Sun Shade

- Sun Shade system installed today in front of the band shell in Gibson Park

Master Plan Update

- Michael Svetz, PROS Consulting will be in Great Falls June 22 & 23. He will be working with staff on mission statement and vision.

Fireworks

- Committee has met to discuss the City's fireworks.
- Company has new firing systems to set them off.

Use of Parks

- Parks experienced a lot of use with the last days of school with activities being held outdoors in the parks. We were unaware of this use and ended up accumulating more trash. We have contacted the school district to get a heads up for next year so we are prepared for the extra garbage that will accumulate.

Budget development

- Going through the final budget stage with City Manager. Scheduled to go to the City Commission in July for approval.

Movie in the park

- The People's Park & Recreation Foundation is sponsoring a movie in the park "Zootopia" which will be held July 23rd in Gibson Park Band Shell.
- Cost is \$1500 to rent the movie through Firefly; they are donating \$300 back to the Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

West Bank Park Update

- Boland Construction received the bid for the landscape and irrigation project.
- RTI will fund the construction just below the parking lot.
- Calumet has delayed for one year any decision on keeping railroad cars on the track behind West Bank Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Planning Process

- With the increase in citizens wanting to get involved with planning parks Joe has come up with a draft “planning process” to follow.
 - Board received a copy of the draft Planning Process.

Kranz Park Master plan

- Brockholt Architecture & Landscaping out of Bozeman will be doing a Master plan for Kranz Park (pro bono). Joe has met with the company to discuss the project and will have a public meeting with NHC on July 14th.

Grande Vista fundraising efforts

- We have a citizen in the Grande Vista area that has started to do fundraising for handicap accessible play structure for the park which is turning into a total redevelopment of the park with a cost of \$200,000. They have raised \$7,000. She will work with Park & Recreation to set up a plan for the park starting with getting a play structure. A handicap play area may be better served in an area more centralized for the community.

Draft RFP for Kayak & Stand-Up Paddleboard Rentals

- The City Manager has requested ideas of what can be done along the riverfront. One idea is to allow Kayak and Stand Up paddleboard rentals. It is too late to get it going this season, will pursue for next season.

Summer Park Program

- Get Fit expressed an interest in resurrecting the summer park program “Come play with Park Pals”. They received grants totaling \$10,300 to cover the costs.
 - Recreation Center is overseeing the program.
- Programs will be held at Gibson, Verde, Rhodes, Pinski and Lion’s Park, held Monday-Friday for 1 1/2 hours during the day.
 - They have coordinated the program to co-inside with the school district “no kid goes hungry” lunch truck.
 - The school district has done a great deal of promoting the food trucks
 - Get Fit is distributing posters around town.
- Program is focused on physical activity, art and play.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forestry

- Trimming trees

- Will start removing elm trees.
- Have one employee working in the Gibson gardens
- Homeless have moved into the flower bed area, cutting flowers and sleeping on them. They get kicked out of one area and move to another.
- Have not heard any concerns with not cutting and moving the Christmas tree to the civic center. We will instead light the existing trees in front of the Civic Center.

Parks

- Moving the homeless from one place to another, we have taken tents, sleeping bags, lawn chairs. They just go get more and relocate to a new location.
- Maintenance doing mowing.
- Fixing irrigation lines constantly.
- Staff installed the Sunshade in Gibson Park.
- Band shell painted last week.
- CMR tennis courts are being resurfaced by the school district through a memorandum of understanding.
- Working on CM Russell Park walking pat, tree roots have lifted the trail causing bulges.

Public Comment

No public comments

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.