

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
NOVEMBER 14, 2011
MINUTES**

Members Present: Bryan Thies, Jim McCarvel, Bill Ramsey, Russell Motschenbacher, Richard Kavulla, Charlie Bruckner, Karen Harant

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Giles Salyer, Cindy Stein

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

DIRECTOR REPORT

- Marty informed the Board that New Age Complex, the group that ran the Multi Sports complex last season will be canceling their agreement for 2012. Staff will be meeting with the City Manager to discuss Park and Recreation taking over softball again for 2012.
- Flow Rider pad replacement. Staff has met with the City Attorney on how to handle the flow rider pad repairs; we are having a difficult time getting the vendor back to make the necessary repairs. There is concern that we may have to find a new vendor and/or take legal action against the company that replaced the pad. The City paid \$40,000 for the new pad replacement last spring and we have had several failures of the pad throughout the summer.
- Trails working group has submitted a grant for a "trails maintenance plan" to PPL. Plan will inventory and rate each section of the trail; this information will be very useful for future maintenance and applying for grants that may become available. The requested grant has been rated #2 for PPL grant requests.

OLD BUSINESS

Skyline Park Improvement Update

- Skyline Park committee has come up with a conceptual plan for Skyline park development, (Board reviewed).
- Marty has met with the Skyline Park Committee.
- The Committee came up with a concept/proposal that included selling lots at the end of Skyline Park (not a lot of interest).
- Marty informed the Committee that the parkland located next to Skyline School was identified as surplus land and in 1996 the Park Board approved the sale of property. Staff did not receive any inquiries on purchasing the property.
- Staff met with the school district to include the school district property next to skyline school park property and a plan was developed (lots); this was brought to the skyline park committee during the last meeting.
- Skyline Committee voted to have staff contact the school district on combining the property and appraising it again.
- Marty offered the Park Trust to pay for the appraisal with reimbursement back to the Trust once the property is sold, and the funds received from the sale could be used to develop Skyline Park
- Marty to meet with the school district on including the school property next to Skyline School being offered along with the park property as one sellable piece.
- \$400,000 to improve Skyline Park; \$70,000 in irrigation alone.
- Board concerned whether the money received from the sale of parkland can be earmarked to a specific park.

Board motioned to have staff appraise the Skyline Park property (next to Skyline School) and advertise the sale of the property. Appraisal costs to be paid from Park Trust funds and reimbursed once the property is sold. Proceeds from the sale of Skyline Park are to be used for development of parks.

NEW BUSINESS

Gibson Park Proposal "Country Chic"

Carmine Mury is interested in leasing Park & Ponder building located at Gibson Park. (Proposal attached) to run a hair salon and dog grooming business. Business would be open year round and location meets their needs. The back of the building would be a dog grooming area and front would be the hair salon.

Marty has discussed the needs of the building with the City's Building Official. Building will require electrical and plumbing. Mury's proposal addresses them doing the repairs, Marty to find out the exact plumbing and electrical needs for the building from the Building Official; he will also inquire on the electrical needs for a salon chair.

- We would not be able to lease out the facility without going out for proposals
- There is a lease for concessions at Gibson Park that would have to be addressed.
- Request for proposals were advertised 4 years ago, only inquiries were received.
- Marty to check the zoning of the property and report back to the Board.

Board motioned for staff to move forward to prepare a request for proposals for Park and Ponder. In addition Board requested the proposals be very broad to include food and other possible uses of the building. Motion seconded and carried.

Memorial Mural request for Skate Park

The family of a 12 year old boy who passed away from a brain tumor have requested a memorial be painted on the outside of the skatepark in his memory. They have been in contact with Rachael Kaiser who would do the memorial and are looking for approval from the City.

- Board has concerns that a mural would be open for vandalism and tagging and that it would be a mistake to put it down there.
- Board is in support of their idea of a memorial mural but they do not recommend it at the skate park and suggested that other options be considered.

Miscellaneous Reports and Announcements

Staff

Park Maintenance – Giles Salyer

- Ducks placed into their winter quarters
- Docks out of Gibson Pond for the winter
- Snow plows are on trucks and snow fence up around town
- Lowest bid for the CMR tennis court fence replacement is \$9,200.

Golf/Recreation/Forestry

- Winter golf at Anaconda Hills opens tomorrow
- Christmas tree will be moved on Monday, November 21st to the Civic Center
- Leadership Great Falls has applied for a grant through Gametime for play structures at Jaycee and Skyline Parks. They will be applying for a matching grant from the Park Trust.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.