

**Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020
Minutes**

Members Present: June Sprout, Gary Arno, Jen Creed, Lonnie Hill, Lynn Oatman, Pat Carroll and Carol Bradley

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Steve Herrig, Patty Rearden, Sarah Griffin and Lonnie Dalke

Guest: Mary Moe, City Commissioner

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Board motioned to approve October 12, 2020 minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve Herrig, Park and Recreation Director
 - Park District Updates
 - Jaycee Park project has been completed.
 - Still have site/dirt work at Elks and Gibson Park trails to complete. Project expected to be completed by spring 2021.
 - Continuing on planning and site design of new Oddfellows restroom. Project is expected to begin late spring early summer 2021.
 - Year Three Park District projects include (not limited to) Lions Park restroom replacement, Gibson wall repair, walking trail in Grande Vista Park, irrigation and ADA sidewalks to playgrounds (in various parks).
 - There are 15-16 parks that need ADA sidewalks to playgrounds/structures.
 - Park District will pay for areas that are outside the LMI districts.
 - Year Two Reallocation projects included a sidewalk from the trail to the fitness pad and basketball courts in Gibson Park, sidewalk to playground at Grande Vista Park, guard hut and concession stand roof replacement at Electric City Water Park (additional projects include shelters in parks, Recreation Center roof, Multi Sports dugout/backstop).
 - After the holidays the irrigation project be rebid. The initial bidding process generated one bid that was over budget with just one park. The irrigation project includes Roosevelt, Jaycee, and Valleyview Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recreation Center Discussion
 - Soil conditions
 - Due to the soil conditions at the originally selected location, the pricing of the foundation came in higher than anticipated. In order to remain in that location, with the increase in foundation costs, the original square

footage of the new recreation center (45,000 sq. ft. range) would have to be reduced in order to stay in budget.

- Working with MAFB and staff to work through the issues and discuss alternative solutions.
- Continuing to work on the design plans, some good draft design to work with.
- After the holidays, we will start forming and working with focus groups.
- Still on a tight time frame, but we will work through our issues as quickly as we can in order to maintain the timeframes.
- Land Acquisition
 - Proposed land swap with the Great Falls Public School District.
 - The District will swap a 10 acre parcel of land adjacent to the Seibel Soccer Park referred to as the Loy land, for City property that includes 6 parcels of Kranz Park.
 - The public hearing will be set for January 2021.
- Board Positions
 - There are currently three openings on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2023.
 - June Sprout, Lynn Oatman and Pat Carroll terms expire at the end of the month.
 - June Sprout and Lynn Oatman are no longer eligible to be reappointed. Pat Carroll is eligible to serve another three-year term.
 - Pat Carroll expressed his interest in serving another three year-term.
 - The City Manager's office has advertise the open positions.

Lonnie Hill motioned to recommend the City Commission reappoint of Pat Carroll to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Gary Arno seconded the motion and carried, 6-0. Pat Carroll abstained from the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lonnie Dalke, Park Supervisor
 - Forestry
 - Beginning of leaf pick up season had a rough start due to weather and equipment, but staff was able to complete work in the Boulevard District.
 - Trails
 - Completed crack sealing on the trail.
 - Parks
 - Facilities are winterized.
 - Due to the mild weather, Park staff was able to sweep leaves out of the parks.
 - Memorial benches were installed.
 - Hired new plumber, Zach Reeves.
- Pat Carroll mentioned that now that we have the Park District we've been able to complete projects that were previously unfunded.
- Carol Bradley inquired about the Visitor Center Request for Proposal.
 - Steve explained that staff is working with Great Falls Tourism on a lease agreement.

- Working on getting lease finalized, there will be some give and take with the pricing because they have some capital improvements to do.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, January 11, 2021