

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013
MINUTES**

Members Present: Charlie Bruckner, Bill Ramsey, Patrick Carroll, Mike MacDonald
Members Absent: Karen Harant, Russell Motschenbacher, Shirley Davis.

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Giles Salyer, Todd Seymanski, Sherri Floerchinger

Others Present: Bill Garberg, Fred Shauer and Gene Bern with Faith Lutheran Church

Board motioned to accept the minutes from March as written, motion seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attending NHC #1 meeting on Tuesday; subject will be West Hill Property

- Property is very steep
- Sits below the airport
- abuts to property owners
- consider a use permit
 - property owners maintain
 - \$150/year fee
- Consider sale of property to adjacent property owners
 - There are 10 property owners
- There is a right of way issue
- Public Works has a storm drain easement and other utilities that run through the property

Attending a Regional PPL meeting in Fort Benton on Wednesday

- Potential Projects to be reviewed
 - restrooms at Hurd (forced main) and handicap restrooms at Oddfellows Park
 - sand volleyball courts at West Bank Park
 - laterals for irrigation at West Bank Park

Attending NHC #9 meeting on Thursday

- Kranz Park discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Skyline Park

Faith Lutheran Church is interested in purchasing the Skyline Park property located next to Skyline School. City owns a portion and the school district owns a portion. The City had an appraisal done for the entire parcel 4.03 acres at \$15,000-\$18,000/acre (\$60,000-\$70,000). They are interested in building a new church.

To sell park land the following steps will need to be taken:

1. Park Board Approval
2. Neighborhood Council Approval
3. City Commission Approval
4. Advertise and sign the parcel for 30 days

5. Accept sealed bids
6. Set public hearing if bids are acceptable
7. Will require 4/5th vote by the City Commission

They also inquired on the property being rezoned for mixed use. Marty will inform the School District that there is interest in this parcel.

Park Board recommended moving forward with this proposed interest in the Skyline Park property located next to Skyline school.

Skyline Optimist Park Basketball Court

- Skyline group is working with the Uptown Optimist's to install a basketball court in Skyline Optimist Park; the Uptown Optimist's have \$20,000 to fund the project; project should be done in June.

Elks Riverside Bollards

- Bollards have been damaged throughout the years, they are a historical landmark along the river per Ellen Sievert
- \$95,000 for 89 bollards
- Received a CTEP grant of \$83,000 and will match with \$12,846 from the Park Trust
- Need to replace bollards from the horseshoe pits all the way to 6th Street
- Fagenstrom's will make the bollards, Contractor will remove the old ones, install the new and string cable

Motion to approve the match of \$12,846 from the Park Trust Fund. Motion seconded and carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giles Salyer, Park Superintendent

- Snow fence removed
- Interviewing for staff
- Remote Control Car Club has signed the Use Permit and they will be breaking ground soon
 - moved a little further south
 - contractors to help with dirt
- Multi Sports High School tournament
 - had a sewer system issue but that has been taken care of
- All waterfowl to be released into the pond on Friday
 - One of the swans died
 - To purchase a pair of swans is \$2,500

Patty Rearden, Deputy Director

- Easter Egg Hunt brought a good crowd
 - had 3 DJ's this year – Sarg, Nick Northern, and Skip Walters
 - Thanks to Mike MacDonald and all the volunteers for the event
- Ice Breaker information will be in the April 10th school Wednesday envelope
- Summer Guide will be in the April 17th school Wednesday envelope
- Budgets, Ice Breaker and summer registration all happening the week of the 22nd, along with softball registration

Todd Seymanski, City Forester

- Stumps out and backfilled in the boulevard district
- Landscape cleanup starting
 - Pre-emergent herbicide used
- Pine Beetle spraying may not happen this year, population way down
 - sprayed $\frac{1}{2}$ as many last year compared to two years ago

With no further business meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13th.