

**Park & Recreation Board Meeting**  
**Monday, April 14, 2014**  
**Minutes**

Members Present: William Ramsey, Michael MacDonald, Russell Motschenbacher, Patrick Carroll, Charlie Bruckner

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, John Smith, Cindy Stein

**Board motioned to approve the minutes as written. Motion second and carried.**

**Director's Report**

Lions club requested a Park Trust matching grant in the amount of \$10,000 to match their \$20,000; funds will be used to purchase a climbing boulder. The Lion's club will have reached their match of \$20,000 this month. Staff will be meeting with the contractor to review the placement site in Lion's Park.

Board asked if the Missouri River Fly Fishing Club has proceeded any further with their idea of putting in a fly fishing course at Westbank Park. The City Attorney was drafting a use agreement, staff does not feel there is a need for a use agreement, once the course is completed it becomes a part of the park. Marty to meet with the city attorney on the need for a use permit.

Little free libraries that were discussed at an earlier meeting with Kathy Mora, Library Director. Three "little book houses" have been completed and six more are being built by the High Schools. Park and Recreation staff will install the libraries on posts after discussing with each Neighborhood Councils to get their opinion on the best locations.

Marty received a letter from Atlanta Richfield, there are conducting soil sampling of the smelter property and have bored at Veteran's Memorial, Pasta Montana and the American Little League fields. We have not received any results on the samples as of yet.

We will be replacing the cedar shakes on the bandshell at Gibson Park, cost is \$11,000 and will paid out of the Park Trust fund.

**New Business**

*Community Gardens*

Mike Dalton with Sunburst Unlimited is proposing planting a community garden in Wadsworth Park, using possible 5 acres of property within the park. The location being considered is where the dredging from the pond were put several years ago, offering excellent soil for planting.

Janice with River City Harvest would design the garden; there will be a landscaper, supervisor and full time manager. Montana Farmers Union would write grants for funding the plantings. The produce could go to an institution in area, either the University, public schools or the hospital, they would develop a buy/sell agreement, with proceeds coming back for further development. They would like to place a greenhouse in the garden area.

Next step would be to do a site visit of the location.

Sunburst Unlimited would continue to take care of the Westside Community Hall gardens. All the produce from Westside goes to head start and boys and girls club.

**Board supports the conceptual project of a community garden at Wadsworth Park, support by all board members.**

#### *Grande Vista Park*

Paul Schnook is interested in building another baseball field in Grande Vista Park for U10 Fastpitch girls softball. John Smith and Marty met with Mr. Schnook at Grande Vista Park. Mr. Schnook was to present his idea to the board today, he was not present.

#### **Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements**

##### *Staff*

John Smith, Park Maintenance Supervisor

- All the water fowl will be moved to Gibson Pond on Friday.
- The new detention pond is being re-done in Chowen Springs and includes a new road and a new basketball courts.
- Signs were put up by play structures for “Young Lungs at Play”, unfortunately the one in Rhodes Park has already been vandalized.
- We purchased a pair of mute swans and a pair of Australian black swans through a donation from Justin Glasgow. They will be released with the rest of the water fowl this Friday.

Forestry division is stumping trees and will start up on trimming trees.

Patty Rearden, Deputy Director

- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday at 11:00am in Gibson Park. Steele Etc. has donated \$3,000 cash and \$1,000 in quarters, in addition he is having apple and orange juice and fruit snacks for the event. Sarg with KMON will be announcing at the Egg Hunt and Cascade Country FFA members will stuff the eggs and help on Saturday.
- Summer program registrations start on Monday.
- Ice Breaker Road Race is Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>; early registration ends on Saturday and starting on Monday there is a \$2.00 increase in registration.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:05pm