

Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2016
Minutes

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

Members Absent: Lonnie Hill

Staff Present: Joe Petrella, Patty Rearden, Cindy Stein

Board motioned to approve September and October minutes as written. Motion second and carried.

Director's Report

- Public Forum meeting on the Master Plan at 6:00 tonight, then on Tuesday it will be either accepted or denied by the City Commission at their regular scheduled meeting.
- Multi Sports backstop and dugout project is underway, waiting on materials and should be completed in the next month. Williamson Fencing received the contract.
- We have approval to repair the floor at the Natatorium, will use donations received from "Save the Nat" fundraising efforts and CDBG funding that was scheduled to be used for the door replacement at the Natatorium. We will close the Natatorium during this process.

Old Business

Kranz Park Master Plan

Received the final visionary master plan, design completed at no charge by Brockholt Architecture & Landscaping out of Bozeman. They conducted three public meetings with the Neighborhood Councils prior to completed the plan. It may be possible to use CDBG funding for the playground to begin with. Big items on the master plan are the playground (\$50,000-\$80,000), sports court (\$60,000-\$100,000), walking paths, and open turf, with a total cost of about \$800,000. It could be possible they do a master plan for Grande Vista Park as pro bono community project.

Park & Recreation Master Plan

The Master Plan has been recommended to the City Commission for approval, there were no red flags (except price tag). Next step is to figure out how to fund and prioritize the projects. Just with upgrading the irrigation we would save money. PROS Consulting will provide the detail on funding sources, etc. We can begin with lining up our programs to match what has been recommended. Will look into doing a feasibility study for the Community Recreation Center, may be able to use CDBG funding for it. We also will start exploring Park Districts.

Board inquired if there was any reaction from the golfing community on the recommendation in the Master Plan for Anaconda Hills. It is just a visionary idea for Anaconda Hills and feel the golfers are seeing it as a visionary also.

West Bank Park Project Update

Landscape and irrigation is nearly completed, decorative sidewalk is completed, concrete pavers are completed, sign is installed but not finished. Contractor has asked for winter shut down after finishing some light grading and finish the sign. Spring they will have to remove the turf and seed, move trees, do edgings and planting around sign, mostly decorative projects.

Will be meeting with TD&H to look at pavilion designs, the People's Park Foundation has agreed to pay a portion of it, it will all depend on the cost.

BNSF had a phone conversation with Mayor Kelly on the rail cars in West Bank Park, have not heard any updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Montana Recreation, Trail, and Parks Association (MRTPA)
Park and Recreation will host the 2017 MRTPA conference to be held in Great Falls in September.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natural Resource:

- Leaf pickup completed, back to normal tree trimming

Park Maintenance:

- Irrigation and restroom winterized
- Looking at how things are positioned in the parks - ways to utilize staff more efficiently.

Other Divisions:

- A vendor at the MTRPA conference that sells huge garbage barrels that compact when they are full, will pursue this item further.
- Winter golf begins Tuesday at Eagle Falls 11:00-3:00. Moves to Anaconda in January.
- Natatorium Dive-In Movie "Finding Dory" this Friday.
- Mermaid Class at the Natatorium. Staff had a demo day on Saturday and will do another one on Friday.

Public Comment - no public in attendance

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm