

Red Lodge Parks, Trails and Recreation Board

Minutes: Monday, December 18, 2017

5:30 PM

Location: City Hall

Meeting called to order: Dan Seifert, Chairman, called meeting to order

Role Call: Theresa Whistler, Dan Seifert, Kelly Heaton, Brian Romeijn, Kevin Bonk, Rue Freeman, Corey Thompson
City Staff Present: James Caniglia

Citizen Comment on matters within Board Jurisdiction: None

Consent Agenda: Rec. Facilities committee and Trails committee had nothing to report.

Trees Committee: Theresa commented the committee has about finished their report.

Motion to approve consent agenda: Rue, seconded, Dan.

Motion approved, 7-0.

Corey mentioned tree limbs are down from the fall storm on Beartooth lane and could be left in place to block vehicle traffic

Financial Summary: James presented that out \$43,000 we have spent \$11,375 so far this year. The only expense for the last month was for advertising in Carbon County News for the Board opening positions. He stated with \$28,600 left should be enough we should have a small amount left to try and improve trails.

Skate Park: still needs repairs and Kevin mentioned he will try to get repairs done in a timely manner. James will have further discussion with the new mayor and City council to ultimately leave the discussion to invest money or close the park completely. It was also mentioned if we need to keep it going we should be talking to users and finding volunteers for more support.

Strategic Plan: Kelly submitted a revised Plan that was condensed from Keith's original submission to simplify and clarify objectives without trying to eliminate the overall goals. Motion to approve the Strategic Plan, Rue,

second, Theresa. Motion passed 7-0.

Parks dedication update: Dan stated at the last City Council meeting, 3 parks are newly dedicated, Van Dyke park adjacent to the airport, Creek side and part of Lions park. Dan mentioned we should try to dedicate more land around the airport.

Soccer Field update: City Council approved the engineering from DEQ and DNRC to proceed on the proposed plan. Pioneer Engineering will be doing the initial design and planning for the new field. Once completed the DEQ grant will be used for implantation with the soccer user group.

Pool Study update: Corey said after meeting with the multi use group, we need to try and look at the financials and look at operating costs and we need to meet with them again. The creation of a Parks District was discussed as how to permanently fund maintenance and operations of the pool facility. A meeting was planned for January 4th 8:30 AM.

Discussion: Election of Officers and new Board members.
New Chairman, Kelly, Vice Chair, Rue, Secretary, Theresa.
New Council member will be Anna Drew.

Citizen Comment: It was asked if we could entertain the idea of getting a permanent private sponsorship for the skate park.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Kevin Bonk, secretary 2017