

Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board  
Minutes, Feb. 13 2017  
Location: City Hall

**Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call**

Dan Seifert called the meeting to order

Members Present: Dan Seifert, Corey Thompson, Theresa Whistler, Rue Freeman , Kevin Bonk

Members absent: Bryan Romeijn

Staff Present: James Caniglia

**Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction**

None

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded by Dan. Consent Agenda approved

**Approval of Jan. Minutes**

Dan moved to approve, Kelly seconded, Minutes approved

**Financial Summary**

James gave the financial summary and said we have had no spending since last meeting

**Wellness trail**

Beartooth Clinic has stated they do not want bikes allowed on the future Wellness trail because of the steepness of the trail.

The trails committee is awaiting further information from the Clinic prior to providing a recommendation for board vote. .

Possible options including refund of the City's \$5000 contribution or expressing support for bike restrictions.

**Active Transportation Plan Project**

There is approximately 9 thousand dollars to spend in the 2017 budget, Trails committee has made suggestions as to what

should be priorities for these expenditures, including development of a trail on Beartooth Lane on the north border of coal miners park. Additional detail is provided in the trails committee report.

Additional needs include repairs to the steep section of Coal Miners park trail near the creek and repairs near the football field.

Rue mentioned Parklets, painting bike lanes, and further beautification of Broadway.

James suggested making the first Bump out on 14th St. because of Safety and heavy pedestrian traffic and adjacent city park land at Pride Park.

Corey suggested we need to put higher priorities on Coal miners park trail and the football field trail.

Corey said she would talk to BRTA about Montana conservation corps hand work they could contribute for 2 or 3 days of crew time in early summer.

The board discussed the painting of bike lanes in town to connect 5th down Oaks and the Elementary schools and Swimming pool.

James suggested the use of Sharrows as a possible alternative to full bike lanes. James will look into logistical and cost considerations associated with Sharrows on City streets.

Kelly announced the next ATP meeting will be on March 9, 5:30 at the Red Lodge Pizza Co. Back Room

### **County fairgrounds deannexation**

James reported that further questions need to be answered about issues pertaining to the laws and boundaries and additional map needs. After that, there will need to be a 20 day public comment period.

### **Park Maintenance Priorities**

Kelly mentioned Lions park the trail between the Bank of Red Lodge and the basketball courts.

Kelly mentioned repainting the trail head signs and moving signs for the rocky fork trail.

### **Parks Board Strategic Plan Revision**

Dan thinks our Strategic plan needs to be updated and revised.

This plan was previously compiled using consultant facilitator assistance.

James suggested all board member review the existing strategic plan which is posted on the City web site.

Dan asked if we could find a non board person to to help with the revisions. Kelly will contact a consultant that could possibly assist.

Dan would like to see if we can come up with a proposal for the next meeting to see if we can move forward with strategic plan revision. Board members agreed.

### **Parks Cleanup Day**

Rue said it will be sometime in late April. Rue will facilitate the Earth Day cleanup as she did last year.

Yellowstone wildlife Sanctuary will probably not participate like last year so, the meeting place will be at the Art center parking lot charging station.

Rue will provide information soon on what we will be doing and what board involvement may be required.

### **Trash Can Request**

Kelly said Rotarians are considering matching and doubling our funds to get trash cans and a new wayfinding sign in Rotary Park. Rotary is considering submitting a fiscal year 2017 park user group assistance funding request. .

### **Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction**

None

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Respectfully subitted by Kevin Bonk, Secretary 3/11/2017**