

Red Lodge Parks, Trails and Recreation Board

Minutes: Wednesday, October 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

City Staff Present: James Caniglia

Absent: Corey Thompson

Citizen Comment on matters with board jurisdiction: None

Consent Agenda: Changes to consent agenda, Skate Park discussion. All other items on Consent Agenda approved.

Rotary Park dumpster report: Jordan Hoyt gave a report of the new dumpsters installed at Rotary Park. The project came in under budget. Total cost \$668.00. Rotary requested co payment of \$334.00 from the Board. Board approved with unanimous vote.

Minutes from September meeting and Trees committee report: Motion to Approve, Kelly, Motion seconded, Rue. Motion approved 6-0.

Trails committee report: Dan stated that most limbs from the damaging snow storm earlier in the month have been cleared off trails are all accessible and open. The wellness trail behind the hospital is also complete and open to the public.

Recreational facilities and new soccer field discussion: James stated that he was meeting with Beth Graham on Oct. 24 to discuss the details in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Soccer group. No grant money has been approved so far.

Skate Park: Citizen concern say the Skate Park is dire need of repair. Discussion included a call for volunteers, hiring a contractor and liability issues. The mayor stated we need to connect with Public Works director, and Red Lodge Mountain Resort for help. James and Kevin agreed to give it

immediate inspection.

Financial Summary: James stated we have \$9205.00 in expenditures this fiscal year. Total approved budget is for \$43000.00

Trees report: Theresa reported that the tree inventory is finished but additional trimming and training on street trees will be needed due to recent storm damage. Commercial property owners need to be aware that they are responsible for the care of trees adjacent to their property. Theresa also mentioned the snagged limb in some of the larger trees in some parks are still hanging from the last snow storm and we should try to get them removed soon because of the liability they present.

Parks Strategic Plan Revision: Discussion of the plan included organizing, donors and volunteers, marketing and proposing a Parks district mill levy and hiring employees and contractors. The proposed written plan was reviewed and discussed. It was proposed to have a separate meeting to finish working on the plan in a week.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted Kevin Bonk, secretary.