

**Red Lodge Parks, Trails and Recreation Board**

**Minutes: Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**Location: City Hall**

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

**Role Call:** Theresa Whistler, Corey Thompson, Dan Seifert, Kelly Heaton, Brian Romeijn, Kevin Bonk

City Staff Present: James Caniglia

Absent: Rue Freeman

**Citizen Comment on matters with board jurisdiction:** None

**Consent agenda:** Motion to approve consent agenda, Brian Romejin, seconded, Theresa Whistler. Motion approved, 6-0

**Discussion Items:**

**Financial Summary:** James stated we need to search for a maintenance contractor to replace the position vacated by Mike Taylor. He stated that he will probably put off hiring until spring because Park usage declines in the winter months.

**Tree Inventory Update:** Theresa reported that the inventory is about 99% complete. Some trees that were counted in the last inventory and were not included this year as they are not in the city, making this report more accurate. Cost Sharing trees are almost caught up. Jennifer Lyman has continued working toward a final report so we can have a more accurate set of trees to target for work in 2018.

**Coal Miners Park and potential update:** James stated that grant for the new Soccer field was submitted to DNRC and may be delayed in approval because of the high expenses incurred by them by the intense fire season. Because DEQ is involved, confidence is high that we will get it. The grant is for \$42,000.

James also mentioned that he and Dan met Allison Lamnis, ag education teacher for the high school to try and find volunteer students to plant new trees in Coal Miners Park and Beartooth lane.

Dan stated that the high school class is going to do a map of noxious weeds

in the Park that will aid us in long term monitoring.

**New swimming pool:** Al Bloomer presented from the pool committee a proposal to build a new pool and multiuse facility, He discussed options that they will present to the City at a public hearing. He stated that Coal Miners Park would be the most logical place for its location. Other City park locations have been considered, including repair or replacement of the existing pool. The pool committee has been exploring ideas with an engineer and a pool construction consultant on many options and feasibilities. The pool would be constructed with all grant money and turn over to the City for permanent maintenance.

**Strategic Plan revision:** Questions were raised about the plan revision and our priorities. It was decided to have a separate meeting the first week of October.

**Trails Update:** Corey discussed trail committee priorities. Signage of trails, bollards on Beartooth Lane, and creating a volunteer list for trail work was presented.

In a separate discussion, Dan raised the possibility of movie production companies getting trail usage easements and helping the Parks board with direction on how they can help us with trail development.

**Web Site discussion:** Discussion centered around updating and maintenance of the parks web.

**South end of airport trail annexation and dedication:** Dan proposed that the south end of the airport be dedicated as Park land.

Moved to dedicated that the land under discussion be dedicated as future Park land: Corey.

Motion seconded: Theresa

Motioned passed 6-0.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted: Kevin Bonk**