

**Red Lodge Parks Board Minutes from 01/15/14**  
**Meeting Place: City Hall**

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 5:35 pm**

**Roll Call of Members:** Present - Tom Kohley, Ray Masters, Doug Mackay, Bob Matter, Dan Seifert, Rue Freeman  
Absent - None

**Others:** City staff and officials present: Bill Foisy (Council), James Caniglia (Red Lodge City Planner)

2. **Announcements:** None

3. **Minutes Review and Approval:** The minutes from the December 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed, with a motion made and passed to approve the minutes.

4. **Financial Summary:** Bill handed out a ledger for the accounting period 7/13 - 01/14, with expenses totaling \$33,310.66. With a total of \$82,500 available funds allocated to the Parks Board for fiscal year 2014, this leaves a remaining balance of \$49,189.34 for future projects.

5. **New Business:** There were 11 public members present for a portion of the meeting, who commented on "Partners in Park Management," the third of seven total public forums. The main issue for this forum centered around the question, "Is our partnership working?" There will be four additional monthly public forums to follow under various topics to assist the Board in finalizing the new Parks Plan. Comments from the public have been summarized in a separate document by Jim Caniglia (Red Lodge City Planner).

Dan suggested having the partners submit budget requests (if any) for fiscal year 2014-15 by May 31st. Tom mentioned that there is a standard request form in his file that he would deliver to the various partners for submittal.

6. **Old Business:** We reviewed the latest results of the Online Survey that James had prepared.

Bill also summarized a presentation he made to the council regarding the progress our progress on the Comprehensive Parks System Improvement Plan. He reported to the council that this Plan is scheduled to be completed in June of 2014 and will be used as a planning document for future parks planning, maintenance and construction.

**7. Committee Reports:**

a. Trails and Natural Resources Committee (Tom & Doug):

- i. Bill summarized his participation in the January 9th training session in Bozeman, sponsored by Montana State Parks, concerning the 2014 Recreational Trails Program Grants. Applications are due by March 1, 2014. After some discussion, we elected to delay any grant applications until next year, given the short time constraints and lack of budgeted funds for the 20% match requirement.

b. Recreational Facilities & Regulations Committee (Dan & Ray):

- i. No Comments

c. Planning and Finance Committee (Tom & Doug):

- i. No Comments

**8. Citizen Comment:** No Comments, other than those made earlier during the Partners in Park Management forum.

**9. Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Mackay**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Kohley (President)