

**Red Lodge Parks Board Minutes from 03/18/15**  
**Meeting Place: City Hall**

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 pm**

**Roll Call of Members:** Present - Dan Seifert, Paul Otsu, Rue Freeman, Doug Mackay and Bob Matter; Absent - Corey Thompson

**Others:** City staff and officials present: Bill Foisy (Council) and Jim Bushnell (Public Works)

2. **Announcements:** Bill shared that James and others were in Bozeman attending a statewide community initiative workshop hosted by the Montana Department of Public Health and Services.

3. **Minutes Review and Approval:** The minutes from the February 18, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

4. **Financial Summary:** Bill reviewed the current expenditures of \$37,443.23 regarding our \$65,000 budget for fiscal year 2015.

5. **New Business:** None

6. **Old Business:** We briefly discussed various projects for CTEP funding. It appears doubtful that the mural in Pride Park will qualify. Further discussion for other projects was tabled until James is present.

7. **Committee Reports:**

a. Trails and Natural Resources Committee:

- i. Dan and Rue are still working on the DNRC Urban Forestry Program.
- ii. Bob shared that additional tree gators have been ordered. He has agreed to water the trees once/week. Jim Bushnell shared that public works has a tank that Bob can use. Jim agreed to work with Bob on filling the tank at one of the fire hydrants.

- iii. Bill shared that he will contact DNRC for the status of Tree City USA.
- iv. Paul and Dan are working on selecting a location for the Arbor Day project. Paul agreed to email Tom Kohley for suggestions.
- v. Bill gave a brief summary of the proposed trails from the trails advisory committee.

b. Recreational Facilities & Regulations Committee:

- i. Regarding dedication of the Swimming Hole, we again discussed possible access issues. The Mayor has not yet approached NW Energy about obtaining an access easement, as they own a portion of the land on one possible access route.

c. Planning and Finance Committee: No Comments

**Citizen Comment:** None


**Staff Communications:** Bill handed out an overview of the DPS / KAB Public Park Recycling Grant program, which offers various types on garbage bins designed to build or expand recycling opportunities in city parkland. After some discussion, it was determined that this was not a practical endeavor, given that the bins are not bear-proof and that historically, the public would not use the bins appropriately.

Jim Bushnell also shared that there were some washout issues in Phillips Park that need to be addressed. We also discussed some procedural issues and notification with regard to weed spraying.

**8. Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Mackay**

Approved:

  
Dan Seifert (Chairman)

  
Vice Chairman  
for chairman