

Red Lodge Parks Board Minutes from 10/15/14
Meeting Place: City Hall

Agenda Items:

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

Roll Call of Members: Present - Bob Matter, Doug Mackay, Dan Seifert, Rue Freeman
Absent – Ray Masters

Others: City staff and officials present: Bill Foisy (Council), James Caniglia (Red Lodge City Planner) and Jim Bushnell (Public Works).

2. **Announcements:** None

3. **Minutes Review and Approval:** The minutes from the Last Meeting held on September 17 were approved as corrected.

4. **Financial Summary:** Bill reviewed the current expenditures of \$27,578.86 regarding our \$65,000 budget for fiscal year 2015.

5. **New Business:** The Garden Club submitted a funding request for shrubs, ranging from \$350-400. It was mentioned that this could come out of CTEP funds. We will be meeting later in October or early November to discuss potential CTEP projects.

Stephanie Naftal was present and summarized the noxious weed report, a handout showing areas treated, including Finn and Coal Miner's Park, Haggin Avenue north of Finn Park and portions of Rocky Fork Trail. The handout also detailed Education/Outreach programs completed this year and those proposed for 2015.

6. **Old Business:** We reviewed the status of the Red Lodge Ice projects that had been submitted earlier. Those items included:

- 10/10 Shed has been purchased and erected (Budgeted amount \$900 / Actual amount - \$1,059.74)
- Craftman 42' Lawn Tractor & snow blower attachment (Budgeted amount \$3,200 / Actual amount \$2,878)
- Request funding for DIY Zamboni (Budgeted amount \$1,300 / Expected amount \$500)
- Request funding for DIY gate and ramp (Budgeted amount \$0 / Expected amount \$150)

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Trails and Natural Resources Committee:
 - i. DNRC Tree Cost Share Program – 2014/2015 Grants: James is in process of preparing this grant for submittal.
 - ii. DNRC Tree City of the Year Grant: Dan submitted it for DNRC review.
 - iii. Annual Tree City USA Annual Designation: Dan agreed to work on this for next year.
 - iv. DNRC Arbor Day Grant Update (due January 1st): Paul volunteered to write this grant application for 2015.
- b. Recreational Facilities & Regulations Committee (Dan & Ray):
 - i. It appears that tree fertilization expenses will be covered by funds from the Tree City of the Year grant.
 - ii. Bob Matter agreed to remove and store the tree guards for the winter.
- c. Planning and Finance Committee (Tom & Doug):
 - i. Bob asked James to obtain estimates on surveying costs. It was also suggested to put the dedication and surveying of Double Ditch and Skate Park in addition to the Gazebo south of Lion's Park on next month's agenda.

Citizen Comment: None

Staff Communications:

- Contract labor position closes Friday. We have one applicant (Mike Taylor).
- Council agreed to accept the Comprehensive Parks Plan, which will now be submitted to the Planning Board for review.
- Dog Park Resolution #3377 passed.

8. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Mackay

Approved: _____
Dan Seifert (Acting Chairman)