



Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2018 / 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board

Call to order

Kelly Heaton, Chairperson, called a meeting of Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Rec. Board to order on July 18, 2018.

Roll Call

Name	Role	Present	Absent
Kelly Heaton	Chairperson		
Rue Freeman	Vice-Chairperson		
Theresa Whistler	Secretary		
Bryan Romeijn	City Representative		
Kevin Bonk	City Representative		
Anna Drew	Council Representative		
Carol Bloomer	City Representative		
James Caniglia (non-voting)	City Staff, Community Development Director		
Neil Matthews Pennanen (non-voting)	City Staff, Assistant Planner		

Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction

None, no attendees

Approval of consent agenda

1. Minutes June 20, 2018 meeting
2. Trees Committee Report - June

Anna motioned to approve consent agenda

Kevin seconded the motion

Board approved consent agenda (6 to 0)

Discussion Items

1. Any items removed from Consent Agenda – none removed

2. Financial Summary

~ \$2700 remaining for the year out of the 40K budget ending June 30, 2018
outstanding priorities for remaining budget and or grants:

found extra 3600 to help with tree city USA and fix things that may come up
priority to get moose trails play ground re-stained

- Hub Insurance may be looking for a volunteer opportunity
- Mormon church looking for volunteer opportunity
- James checking in with Mike T. to see how many gallons of Stain it took last time
- Anna suggested we could ask TruValue or Rock creek if they'd want to possibly help match any % of cost
- Rue checking back with potential volunteer groups that will join us to stain the playground
- Theresa following up w/ Kim to ask about protecting the tipi painting

- 106k out of general fund was lost to budget due to reimbursement of small amount of property taxes being sent back to property owners.

3. Memorandum of Understanding Agreements – discussion and review

Coal Miners/ Soccer, little league baseball, Adult Softball MOU members was asked to attend July 18 so we could review MOU agreement – no members attended

- Group Not in compliance with MOU and Board/City Planning seek improved alignment
- After some discussion it seems best gains for improvement may be gotten by improved communications between MOU group/POC and City
- Kelly plans to get back to Users POC - urging improved communication with City and Board

All other MOUs meet compliance and there's adequate communication

4. Master task list review

The master task-list was briefly reviewed to check for progress, action, completions
Updates to line items captured within attached spreadsheet



Master Tasks -
Parks Board

5. Parks funding

Parks, Trees and Recreational funding are not to be provided by resort taxes and the City's general funds are severely depleted, there is no Parks budget anticipated for this coming year.

James prepared and distributed a Parks District Fact sheet to aid this discussion.

Creation of a Parks and Recreation District was discussed as an alternative to funding the maintenance and keeping of Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation activities. The example of Bridger recently creating a Parks District and enabling them to afford their city pool was shared.

While Red Lodge has a tentative plan to set aside money AND apply for a MT State Parks grant to rehabilitate the existing pool, other City Parks, Urban Forestry or Recreational maintenance expenses are unaffordable – there is no general budget remaining for Parks after other City obligations or higher priorities are met. A Parks and Recreation district will ensure maintenance of the pool, parks, forestry and recreational facilities. Following considerations were discussed:

- Adoption of a Parks and Recreation District makes Red Lodge eligible for more Parks related grants
- We need to consider the extent of the district (current thinking is w/in the H-S District and not county-wide)
- Need to consider recent additions of other districts and Red Lodge property owner's feedback
- Capital projects only may be covered by resort taxes
- Maintenance activities and on-going care of all parks, trees, recreation would be covered by parks district monies
- Introduction of a proposed Parks and Rec. District and several steps that would need to follow

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Announcements

None

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Kelly at 7:00 p.m.
- Next scheduled monthly meeting is on Wednesday, **August 22, 2018** – most members not available on the 15th to meet on the normally scheduled date

For supporting information see the following link: <http://cityofredlodge.net/departments/parks-board/>

Secretary, Theresa Whistler

Date of approval