

Red Lodge Parks Board Minutes from 06/17/15
Meeting Place: City Hall

Agenda Items:

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

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

Others: City staff and officials present: Bill Foisy (Council) and James Caniglia (City Planner)

2. **Announcements:** Rue shared that the Red Lodge Community Foundation will hold a Community Pool Party with a potluck at the city pool on 6/30 from 6-8pm. This is in support of the Pool Endowment Fund to raise funds for pool repairs.

Bill noted that the horseshoe pits in Lions Park have been refurbished and are in great shape. He also shared that the Active Transportation Plan is scheduled for resolution for a grant application before the Council.

3. **Minutes Review and Approval:** The minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

4. **Financial Summary:** Bill reviewed the current expenditure total of \$52,474.06 regarding our \$65,000 budget for fiscal year 2015.

5. **New Business:** We discussed the budget request for Skate Park maintenance and upgrades. Immediate needs include \$1,200 labor and maintenance for approximately 30' of chain link fencing. James said he would try to get Mike Taylor to do the fence work and see if supplies could be purchased with funds from the current budget. There is also a need for some concrete work. Rue obtained a bid of \$3,000 for two new Skate Park features from Back Alley Metals. Rue and Travis Burdick will prepare a refined proposal.

We also discussed the new budget proposal for next year. Bill met with the Mayor and it appears we will receive between \$80-85,000 from resort tax funds.

6. **Old Business:** James shared some potential fund raising ideas for the Pride Park mural, including a potential Donor Plaque with three levels, Platinum, Gold and Silver. The plaque would be placed under the mural in recognition of the donors. Other ideas were of fund-raising dinner and a direct mailing. Paul and Doug agreed to work with James to explore these options further.

James also discussed the use of CTEP funds for sprinkler repairs in Pride and Lions Park, landscaping and park benches. Bids for all projects will need to be obtained for submittal as a package to the State for approval. It was also noted that approximately 100 trees have been fertilized.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Trails and Natural Resources Committee:

- i. The DNRC Urban Forestry program is nearing completion. Only a few cost share trees are left for residents or businesses to claim.
- ii. Bob shared that the 25 tree guards have been installed. It was determined that we need one additional tree guard, plus guards for however many trees we plant for Arbor Day.
- iii. Bill shared that Red Lodge has received the 2014 Tree City USA Growth Award.
- iv. Paul and Dan are working on selecting a location for the Arbor Day project. One possible location on the north side of 8th Street across from the IGA was suggested by Bob.

b. Recreational Facilities & Regulations Committee:

- i. Bob noted that the new Double Ditch Park signs are ready for installation. He suggested removing the existing small sign and installing the two new larger ones in a V-shape along Highway 78 for better exposure.
- ii. Cory Suggested that Jim Bushnell mow Double Ditch Park.
- iii. Bob agreed to order 15 additional tree gators.
- iv. Corey and Dan are to finalize candidate trail projects in the City for the Montana Conservation Corps to work on in July.

c. Planning and Finance Committee: No Comments

Parks Board and Tree Ordinance Updates: Bill noted that there will be a first reading of the new ordinances before the council in the near future.

Citizen Comment: None

Staff Communications: James shared that there are some of the last minute projects that will be completed by Mike Taylor.

8. **Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Mackay

Approved: _____
Bob Matter (Vice-Chairman)