

**Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board**  
**Recreational Facilities and Regulations Report-November 2016**

Committee members: Rue Freeman, Bill Foisy, and Kelly Heaton

The committee did not meet, but City Staff, committee members, and other Parks board members coordinated so as to complete several tasks, including the following:

1. Coal Miners Park (soccer site) - Field work for soil testing began on November 10 at the site of the potential soccer field. Representatives from DEQ and Great West Engineering were on site. Public Works is scheduled to complete 6 test pits that are eight feet deep. I was present while the first two pits were being dug. There were very little signs of garbage in the first two test pits. There appeared to be a couple of pieces of wood and I saw one piece of glass. The topsoil is very limited with one test pit having just two inches of topsoil while the other had about five inches of topsoil. Coal slag resides directly under the topsoil. DEQ has indicated that they may pay for a portion of the cost to bring in additional topsoil as there appears to be some coal slag erosion.
2. Coal Miners Park – Weed spraying was completed at the park on November 10. The Coal Miners Memorial area of the park was in particular need of spraying.
3. The Recreational Facilities Committee has met with staff and City Councilor Martha Brown to discuss Rules for City Parks. Another meeting is scheduled for November 11. The committee is being tasked with recommending what, if any, activities should need a permit and what rules do we need in our parks.

Respectfully submitted James Caniglia