

**Red Lodge Parks, Trails and Recreation Board**

**Minutes: Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**Location: City Hall**

**Meeting Called to Order :** Dan Seifert, Chairman, called meeting to order

**Roll Call:** Theresa Whistler, Corey Thompson, Rue Freeman, Dan Seifert, Kelly Heaton, Brian Romeijn, Kevin Bonk  
City Staff Present: James Caniglia

**Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction :** None

**Additions to Agenda:** Dan included Airport Parks dedication

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to Approve Rue Freeman, Motion seconded, Corey Thompson.  
Motion passed, 7-0

**Financial Summary:** James had nothing to report. The proposed budget of \$60,000 has yet to be approved for the fiscal year.

**Pickle Ball request:** Dan Kountz requests permission to paint a second City Tennis court for more pickle ball players. Rue Freeman, Motion to approve, pending on coordination with James and Tom Koley to do so, Kelly Heaton, seconded motion.  
Motion Passed, 7-0

**Garden Club funding request:** Jeri Kyner requested \$1200.00 for the new sculpture in Pride Park. Brian proposed \$600.00 toward the project. Dan Seifert, Motioned to expend \$600.00 contingent upon being expended by April 30, 2018. Rue, seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Corey abstained.

**Tree inventory update:** Jenifer Lyman reported that there are not as many trees as were recorded in the 2009 inventory because many of them at that recording were on private property and should not have been included. Northwestern Energy will remove some trees and pay the City to replace them. Northwestern energy will help pay for part of the replacement cost of trees under power lines at Field School

Pruning of existing trees was discussed. Theresa mentioned that many residents don't realize they are responsible for maintaining trees in the right of ways adjacent to their property. Door hangers, which can be funded by the Parks Board, can be used to educate property owners on how to better maintain their street trees.

Kelly stated there is money budgeted for pruning and maintenance. News of the inventory will be coming out in the Carbon County News.

**Coal Miners Soccer Field update:** Beth Graham and James have been working with DEQ on funding of the project and are optimistic that the project will be done. Long term maintenance needs to be addressed for the future and Beth is exploring possibilities of endowment or escrow to meet those needs. DEQ enthusiasm is very good on moving forward by September. Beth would like to see Board members more involved in the project. Further discussion was on design and concepts. Kelly, Motion to recommend that the City Council approve moving forward with the grant application for a recreational cover on the coal slag pile in Coal Miners park. Theresa, seconded. Motion passed, 7-0. Kevin volunteered for further participation in the project.

**Trails Update:** Bryan asked about updating signs for Coal Miners Park. James said it will be next year before a new sign will be put up as part of the Wayfinding project.

**Strategic plan update:** Dan proposed review by Board members through email and send comments to Theresa for her review and discussion at the meeting next month.

**Trail Building:** Corey announced that a trail building event will be held at Coal Miners Park on Sunday.

**Airport Park plan:** Dan proposed that we start to come up with a plan proposal for a park at the south end of the airport.

**Park Bench donation:** Kathy Ritter is donating a new bench and Parks will pay for installation at the top of the Airport trail.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Respectfully submitted: Kevin Bonk, Secretary