



Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019 / 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board

Call to order

Anna, Chair, called a meeting of Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board to order on April 17, 2019.

Roll Call

Name	Role	Present	Absent
Anna Drew	Chairperson		
Rue Freeman	Vice-Chairperson		
Theresa Whistler	Secretary		
Bryan Romeijn	City Representative		
Kevin Bonk	City Representative		
Rob Weamer	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

Action Items:

Approval of consent agenda - Minutes from March 20, 2018 Meeting

Approval of consent agenda

Rue motioned to approve consent agenda

Carol seconded the motion

Board approved March. 20, '19 meeting minutes (7 to 0)

Discussion Items

1. **Any items removed from Consent Agenda – none**
2. **Pickleball Request to paint center tennis court at Field School Park – Presentation & Discussion**
Presentation (Ask) – by Monica Weimar, Pickleball Ambassador:
 - Asking for 2 pickleball courts on the center tennis court at Field School Park
 - Using existing portable pickleball nets on center of each pickleball court (nets are lower than tennis)
 - Asking to allow storage of pickleball portable nets in a storage bench north side of the courts, inside fencing
 - Have their own balls and nets, need to fundraise for the storage bench
 - Painting & materials would cost \$250 to \$600
 - Keeping the existing (already painted pickleball) court on the east and adding the 2 on the center court (3 pickleball courts total), leaving 1 tennis court alone for tennis only (on the west, best surfaced court)

Discussion Points:

- Joe Turin – asking if Pickleball group could fund this now, could they move ahead -or- if they couldn't come up with funds now, is this something that could come out of the proposed parks district funding (future)?

- If fundraising was done by the user group themselves, would they be permitted to move ahead with plans for painting and situating the storage benches
- Marlene Tetreault - Tennis attendance and users have dropped dramatically and the pickleball group has been giving tennis players leeway to play when they show up so they don't need to wait...doesn't believe there's been any contention or conflict.
- Anna - checking with known tennis players to see what their opinion is of painting the pickleball lines on center court based on what's already painted on east court and playing schedules.
- Status of tennis courts – could use some re-surfacing ...cracks minor, but kids on playground tend to throw rocks at them pitting them

ACTION next meeting (May 15) is to vote on allowing pickleball group to move ahead with their plans to paint 2 courts on center tennis court and store portable nets in a storage bench (should they raise their own funds)

3. Trail Proposal – BRTA/ATP Summer Trails Committee

- John Clayton had to leave before this item on the agenda, but status provided by someone on Parks Board that had spoken to him (as below)
- Preference of Trails Committee is to proceed with development of Diamond C with Diamond Corner HOA funds and there are no easements from the HOA to the trail connection to the wellness trail
- Plans for these trails are already in the 2015 comprehensive parks plan – already noted, known about

ACTION next meeting (May 15) project will require parks approval - asking for Parks Board approval

4. Upper Coal Miners Park Soil Cap & Field Development – General Updates/Points of Discussion

- James - DEQ coming on Friday, May 17, at 9:00 a.m. (Andy B., Tom K., Kevin B., Bryan R., James C., Carol B. plan to attend)
- Kevin – Soccer well drilling ready to move ahead and they'd need to get City to sign off on the application/design
- James & Tom – checking into survey pins and whether or not another survey is needed. Need to check for trails rehabilitation and Folf basket moving/reseating (for those impacted)

4. Earth Day/Arbor Day

Discussion Points:

- Social media communications – get approval with James in advance
- Rue - Need to call Jim Bushnell to make sure he's on board with picking up park debris/cleared matter after the event
- Courtney Long – volunteered to pick up old tires from Beartooth lane cleanup
- Collect plastic grocery bags to replenish dog poop bag containers for parks
- Check assigned park and list all to-dos, send to Rue in advance
- 78 (top of brewery hill) & 212 (round-about toward Sam's) multi-use trails needs to be included in the clean-up asking Boy Scouts (adopted last year)
- There is also a family from California that asks for a public/city spot to plant a memorial tree and will need help planting it during earth day
- Tree Pruning Workshop event and flyers will be available for Parks Table (May 4 with Leslie Marty again – planning to prune trees/shrubs at Visitor's center)

Board Assignments

Kevin – dog park
Neil – will do the pre-walk for multi-use trails, but won't be here during the event
James – Table set up
Bryan – Beartooth Ln
Carol – Rotary
Anna – Lions
Theresa – Finn (Girl scouts working it, adopting park moving forward)
Rob – Van Dyke Park
Rue – Field School Park / Skate
Creekside – looking for volunteer
Pride – no need for earth day
Pool – no need for earth day

6. Financial Summary

- Pine weevil spraying is scheduled (~\$3,000)
- Funds to bring up the irrigation systems covered, but cost could be impacted if there are breaks or leaks found
- Grant application to Pro-cuts could be useful based on readout of current budget (due Monday and not likely time to submit with activities focused on earth day/arbor day, driving parks district communications)

7. Master task list review

The master task-list was briefly reviewed to check for progress, action, completions expected for 2019. Updates to line items captured within attached spreadsheet



8. Parks & Recreation Maintenance District - discussion

Summary Discussion Points:

- Presentations Continue –Business Alliance was rescheduled, presented to. Theresa/Anna planning to retune/update presentation (trails, maps, expense breakdown, open space, projects, forestry, pics, alternatives, etc.) – asking if we can present to council next meeting (3 members new this year since info first shared)
- Still waiting on the City to pass a resolution signaling to the County the desire to move ahead with the initiative on a ballot (w/in Elem School District)
- Petition requires the resolution approved by City first – won't happen before petition signatures submission due date to County for validation (April 19)
- Anna and Dave Westwood have finished drafting the resolution for the working session discussion April 23
- Next step is to have City Attorney review/further edits (as may be needed) and finalize a draft for the Council to review/discuss.
- County looking for final drafts of resolution after approved by City and as available

Public comment on this topic:

Ron Capur (public comment) – ...came in to discuss because he thought the Proposed Parks District was Carbon County-wide (according to the Carbon County News report) and Bridger doesn't need to be taxed again.

Ron, Former District Board Member Bridger – Bridger wanted to fund district reaching into the county (because city didn't have enough money for the pool and it was very important to the City). Rural people were not in favor of the district because they have more property (City has 87% of registered voters) – got more money in than they needed, not sure if it's been lowered since. Otherwise, district is working great at keeping pool and other funded.

Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction

none

Announcements - None

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by at 7:00 p.m.
- Next scheduled monthly meeting is on Wednesday, **May 15, 2019**

_____ Anna Drew, Chairperson _____ Date

_____ Theresa Whistler, Secretary _____ Date

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