



# Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019 / 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

## Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board

### Call to order

Anna Drew, Chair, called a meeting of Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board to order on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Roll Call

Name	Role	Present	Absent
Anna Drew	Chairperson		
Rue Freeman	Vice-Chairperson		
Courtney Long	Secretary		
Bryan Romeijn	City Representative		
Kevin Bonk	City Representative		
Rob Weamer	Council Representative		
Carol Bloomer	City Representative		
Neil Matthews-Pennanen (non-voting)	City Staff, Assistant Planner		

### Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction

John Clayton from BRTA came to discuss the America Walks grant they were recently awarded. There is \$1000 allotted for signage at Coal Miners park to list all of the available activities/amenities of the park. The other \$500 is for park maintenance with volunteers and possibly one day of work by a MCC crew. BRTA wanted Parks Board input on the sign and design. Parks Board designated Rue Freeman to sit on a board with BRTA, Neil (City Staff) and a member of the Chamber to work on a proposal. It was suggested the wooden structure that was already there be used and Board requested it be designed in-keeping with the Wayfinding Plan.

### Action Items:

Consent Agenda

Minutes from Dec. 18, 2019 meeting

#### Approval of consent agenda

Anna motioned to approve the consent agenda, Kevin seconded the motion

**Board approved consent agenda (5 to 0) – 12/17 minutes approved**

### Discussion Items

- Any items removed from Consent Agenda** – none
- Election of Officers**
  - Motion by Anna second by Rue to appoint Courtney Long to be the new Secretary
  - Anna will continue on as Chair and Rue will continue on as Vice Chair
  - Committee assignments will stay the same with Courtney joining the coveted Tree Committee
- Skate Park Upgrades-discussion**
  - A Resolution will be prepared and proposed to Council to rename the Skate Park to Hell Roaring Skate Park.

- The last meeting was better attended with six enthusiastic members of the public hopping on board. The Red Lodge City Attorney is very supportive and is willing to help the Skate Park Board with anything they need.
- The next meeting will take place in early February. A fundraiser plan is forming about a pizza night at Red Lodge Pizza Company. They will plan to take minutes to better keep members of the public informed on the progress being made.
- The Resolution to create an MOU with the new Skate Park User group will be on the next Council Agenda for action.

#### 4. Urban Forestry/Arbor Day--summary

- The Arbor Day grant was submitted by Neil!
- In the future we hope to participate in Tree Campus and we get points every year for having Arbor Day activities with the school.
- We *possibly* got the DNRC grant to remove the Finn Trees and do 10 cost share trees!!!!

#### 5. Bee City USA Resolution

- There were some concerns by some people that this Resolution would be banning pesticides. It will not. There may be the option of trying to move toward other pest control methods and the City could pilot those in places like Philips Park where no other weed management is working anyway.
- Motion by Anna and second by Kevin to approve the Resolution as presented and send it on to Council for passage carried in 5-0 vote

#### 6. Financial Summary – revisions

Neil shared that we have \$2411.80 in our bank account until June 2020. Public Works has \$26,842 left in their Parks Budget which means we have 49% of our budget spent. Suggested that the Parks Board submit a letter recommending Park Maintenance be included in the Resort Tax language. Anna to have one drafted for next Parks Board Meeting. **No change, same as last month**

#### 7. Master task list – reviewed and updates noted w/in attached spreadsheet



Master Task List  
12-18-19.xlsx

#### 8. Swimming Pool status- discussion

- The plans were finished on 1/28 with cost estimates and design overviews.
- There needs to be more clarity for members of the public as to where and what exactly their fundraising money will be going toward.

#### 9. Swimming Pool status- (Parks Board Added)

- This needs to be added to next months agenda for discussion. It is time for another Comprehensive Parks Plan to be created and a discussion of the steps and timeline needs to start.

## Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction

Theresa Whistler (former Parks Board Member and local hero) joined in a discussion about the status of the CIP. The Parks Board requested to see the latest copy. There was also discussion of the Council's decision to vacate the ROW on 12<sup>th</sup> street and the fact that the Parks Board was not included in the discussion.

## Announcements

- City Council approved the abandonment of a right-of-way along Rock Creek without meeting MCA requirements and without bringing it to the attention of the Parks Board to weigh in (on public interest) on it's relationship to the Comprehensive Parks Plan (and potential trail development)

## Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
- Next scheduled monthly meeting is on Wednesday, **Feb. 19, 2020**

\_\_\_\_\_ Anna Drew, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Anna Drew, Acting Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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