



Meeting Minutes

June 17th, 2020 / 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers and via GoToMeeting

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 June 17th, 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		
Neil Matthews-Pennanen (non-voting)	City Staff, Assistant Planner		

Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction

None

Action Items:

Consent Agenda

Minutes from May 20th, 2020 meeting

Approval of consent agenda

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

Board approved consent agenda (6 to 0) – 5/20 minutes approved

Discussion Items

1. Any items removed from Consent Agenda – none

2. BRTA- America Walks Grant for Coal Miners Park

- Dan Seifert updates that the amount spent on signage was less than the \$1,000 grant, and suggests leftover money will go toward MCC crew for trail maintenance. Raises concern over trees that were to be removed by Public Works
- Dan expresses BRTA's feelings that city is not fulfilling its MOU by removing trees
- BRTA suggests Parks Board allocate funds in future to connector trails that BRTA is working on
- BRTA would like to see city get involved in connector trails in regards to easements on private parcels

- Anna motions to send an email to mayor and Public Works regarding timely maintenance in city parks and allocating funds for contracting labor. (**Board approves 6 to 0**).
- Anna motions to send email to city council in support of BRTA's letter concerning their relationship with the city and Park's Board (**Board approves 6 to 0**).

3. Red Lodge Ice Leveling Project in Lions Park

- Public attendance includes Al Bloomer and Andy Simpson.
- Discussion on location of leveling project. Andy confirms that location is within the existing sprinkler system, and larger than current field (200'x85').
- Discussion on timeline and allowing enough time for grass to establish before spring/summer activities.
- Andy agrees to reach out to pertinent user groups (soccer, Arts Guild, bike polo) and get signed approval of project.

Action Item: Parks Board will put on the next agenda an invite to any groups that may be impacted by the leveling project.

4. Swimming Pool Status

- Board decides to table future discussions of the swimming pool with understanding that progress is dependent on resort tax and fundraising, and so near future developments are on pause.
- Public comment from resident Linda Barbee, attending to check that pool is still considered a priority for the community and interested in its status.

5. Urban Forestry- Tree Removal in Finn Park

- Scheduled removal for 6/17 did not happen; rescheduled for 7/6 with clean-up afterward
- Neal will notify Parks Board when volunteer help is needed for clean-up

6. Skate Park

- Bonk updates fundraising with \$2,500 raised locally; Aaron Kyra is expected to raise \$200,000 through his YouTube channel; Jeff Ament has pledged \$50,000
- Currently at \$115,000
- Construction will be done by Evergreen SkateParks, with Beartooth Electric volunteering to remove slab in the beginning of August. Tentative start date for construction is Aug. 17
- Anna motions to write an email to Red Lodge Skate Board in approval of their use of private funds, instead of city funds. (**Board approves 6 to 0**). Anna will also send to Neil to share with the city council.

Action Item: Bonk will attend the June 23rd city council meeting to discuss skate park funding sources.

7. Parks Funding & Resort Tax

- Board will plan on using the existing budget to present to council for funding needs.

Actions Item: Board members should commit to attending future city council meetings to push for resort tax funding allocated for Parks Board

8. Comprehensive Parks Plan Update

- Subcommittee formed consisting of Neil, Anna and Courtney to update plan

Action Item: Anna will email survey. Rue and Bryan agree to make follow-up calls.

9. Financial Summary

- \$2,400 for tree watering
- DNRC money for Urban Forestry Plan
- \$12,000 remaining. Anna suggests using some of this money to contract out labor for parks and not allowing to roll over.

10. Master Task List– reviewed and updates noted w/in attached spreadsheet

Citizen Comment on Matters within Board Jurisdiction

No citizen comments.

Announcements

No announcements.

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.
- Next scheduled monthly meeting is on Wednesday, **July 15th, 2020**

_____ Anna Drew, Chair _____ Date
_____ Courtney Long, Secretary _____ Date

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