



Meeting Minutes

August 19th, 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 July 20th, 2020

Roll Call

Name	Role	Present	Absent
Rue Freeman	Acting Chairperson		
Courtney Long	Secretary		
Tootsie Schrowe	City Representative		
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 July 20th, 2020 meeting

Neil asks to add a pool update to meeting agenda

Approval of consent agenda

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

Board approved consent agenda (5 to 0) – 7/20 minutes approved

Discussion Items

1. **Any items removed from Consent Agenda** – none
2. The board welcomes its newest representative, Tootsie Schrowe.
3. **Pickleball**
 - User group wants to request to paint new lines but there is not a representative of the group present to discuss. Board agrees to table this discussion or move it to the end in case someone calls in during the meeting.
4. **Red Lodge Ice**

- Rue had received an email requesting postponing the leveling project due to lack of volunteer availability. Leveling will begin in October as originally planned with seeding done in April.
- No opposition from board members to the new schedule.

5. BRTA- America Walks grant in Coal Miners Park

- New sign was installed August 19th.

6. Skate Park updates

- Contractors have begun. The park needs to be surveyed.
- Permission on adjacent lot was obtained for staging materials.
- New park design is now available.

7. iNaturalist City Nature Challenge

- Courtney briefed board members on nationwide challenge happening in late April 2021 and proposed Red Lodge hosts its own with other small Montana towns.
- Rue suggested aiming for September in order to make available for schools to participate.
- Neil pointed out that Red Lodge will not have an Energy Corps person for 2021, so we should explore other avenues for recruiting other towns.

8. Comprehensive Parks Plan Update

- Park inventories are in progress
- User group survey was not sent out. After discussion, Neil will send out survey to email contacts. Rue and Bryan can follow-up as previously discussed.
- Neil is doing field surveying with Sustainability Board, and a city Right of Way will be added to plan

9. Parks Funding in Resort Tax

- Public hearing on Tuesday, 8/25 @5:00 on GoTo
- Several parks board members not available to attend. Kevin and Courtney offered to try and attend. *Update: Courtney did not attend*

10. Financial Summary

- No updates until budget process is final next month.

11. Pool Update

- Engineering study is completed but not yet widely available due to the size of the document.
- Consideration of a pool committee is being discussed in order to better coordinate fundraising. Neil calls for a Parks Board member to join the committee.

12. Disc Golf

- Tournament is cancelled for 2020 but possibly rescheduled for 2021
- TopTier asked if there is interested from us to pursue disc golf developments. Although the board at one time was interested, we are not currently wanting to take on improvements.

13. Annual Report Update

- This is the time of year that the annual report is updated.
- Board is asked to get volunteer hours to Neil or Courtney.

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

- Courtney asked board members to review MTL from the year and let her know what items need to be updated.

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- Daniel Kosel asked to host a community concert in Lion’s Park. There will not be any vendors and concert is free.
- Date set for August 29th, 6-8pm
- Rue and Courtney offer to spray paint social distancing circles for participants
- Daniel is asked to get a letter from Dr. George approving the concert during COVID-19 pandemic.

Announcements

No announcements.

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.
- Next scheduled monthly meeting is on Wednesday, **September 16th, 2020**

_____ Rue Freeman, Acting Chair _____ Date
 _____ Courtney Long, Secretary _____ Date

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