

MEETING MINUTES

RECORDED BY: Melonie Trang

MEETING PURPOSE: PRC Board Meeting

MEETING DATE
AND LOCATION: July 8, 2015
Community Center



ATTENDEES: PRC Board Members:

Rick DeVore, Mark Wahl, Lew Morris, Catherine Grott,
Dayton Rush, Marcia Clausing, Tom Rupsis, Mark Wahl,
Darwin George

PRPL Staff Members:

Mike Whitaker, Director
Jon Thompson, Park Superintendent
Kory Thomson, Recreation Superintendent
Lee Stadtmiller, Cemetery Superintendent
Mark Jarvis, Park Planner

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Rick DeVore called the meeting to order at 11:35.

A. INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Ferguson, Billings Gazette
Mary Westwood, City Resident

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*Board member Lew Morris made a motion to approve the June 8, 2015 minutes.
Board member Tom Rupsis seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor. Motion passed.*

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

II. DIRECTORS REPORT – Michael Whitaker

None

III. PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Fee Adjustment for Mountview Cemetery:

Lee Stadtmiller said he plans to open 120 gravesites in section 12, just north of the mausoleum. He believes this area will be in high demand and has requested the board to approve a fee adjustment for those plots. (Copies of the proposed fees

are included in the board packet) ***Board member Darwin George made a motion to recommend Council approve \$1,350 per plot in section 12 in Mountview Cemetery. Board member Catherine Grott seconded. In a voice vote, all were in favor and motion passed.***

Lee will present the proposed fee increase at an upcoming Council meeting. Fees will be implemented following the approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trails End Playground Project:

Chris Waite said we were awarded the dollars from Kaboom to build playground at Trails End. He said there will be 3 concepts presented by Kaboom at the July 10th community meeting that should include both adults and children for input. Once a concept has been chosen, installation will begin on July 29th.

B. Pioneer and South Park Playground Ribbon Cutting:

Michael Whitaker said the department has proposed the week of July 19th for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

C. South Park Playground Replacement:

Mark Jarvis said the playground is being installed as we speak.

D. South Park Sprayground:

CTA's Dayton Rush went over the proposed design plan with the board.

- Will be using the linking location, which is more centrally located and will link South Pool and new playground.
- A new sidewalk through South linking the playground, sprayground and pool area.
- Shade trees in various locations around splash pad
- 4ft berm
- Not included with this project but for the future, second restroom near splash pad.
- Two entrances into the splash pad. One for younger children, the other for older.
- Will be using three different colors of concrete.
- Water for the splash pad will be recirculated, filtered and chemical treated.
- Possible features: vertical elements, mushroom, 55 ground jets.

The vertical elements looks like snakes coming out of the ground have less play value, don't do a lot and are expensive.

The mushroom feature is similar to the one already used at Rose Pool. IT is a mushroom shape that is great for younger children to use.

The 55 ground jets are programmable, have more of a play value and great for all ages.

Board member Darwin George made a motion to recommend proceeding with the proposed South Side splash pad. Board member

Catherine Grott seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor and motion passed.

E. Castle Rock and Pioneer Park Tennis Courts:

Mark Jarvis said there is a preconstruction meeting on July 27th. Plans are to work at both sites and have the project completed by September 30th.

F. Pioneer Park Playground Replacement:

Mark Jarvis said the playground is being installed as we speak.

G. Centennial Park Master Plan Update:

Mark said the consultants are moving ahead. They will be showing the board the final layout at the July 22nd Special PRC Board meeting.

H. Ponderosa School Path:

Mark Jarvis said the project is 85% complete. He said this will be a nice feature for the kids in the Kings Green Subdivision.

I. Heights Disc Golf Course:

Mark Jarvis said the baskets have been ordered. They should arrive by the end of the week. He said the fencing should start going up some time next week.

Chris Waite said Disc Golf Billings will help with the installation of the baskets. He said they are the group that also helped with the layout of the course.

Funding for the project has come from the City Council contingency plan and fundraising by Disc Golf Billings.

The course should be complete this fall.

J. Yellowstone Kelly Interpretative Site:

Michael Whitaker said we are working with the Chamber of Commerce on the development of the site. Sanderson and Stewart have been awarded the contract. Funding for the project will come from fundraising from the Chamber. (Their goal is to raise \$450,000) and \$50,000 from Park District 1.

VI. DIVISION REPORTS

A. Recreation Division-Recreation Superintendent Kory Thomson:

Recreation Superintendent Kory Thomson's report was given to the board for review. A copy of the report is in the 2015 board binder. In addition to his report, he informed the board of the following information:

- Majority of our camps are at capacity
- June was a good month for pools

B. Park/Urban Forestry Division-Park Superintendent Jon Thompson:

Park Superintendent Jon Thompson's report was handed out at the beginning of

the meeting. A copy of the report is in the 2015 board binder. No additional comments.

C. Park Planning Division-Park Planner Mark Jarvis:

Park Planner Mark Jarvis report was given to the board for review. A copy of the report is in the 2015 board binder.

A question was asked on the progress of dogs on leash in city parks. Mark said there should be a rough draft of the proposed ordinance this month. He said the document should come before the park board in either August or September.

D. Volunteer Coordinator's Report-Chris Waite:

Volunteer Coordinator Chris Waite's report was given to the board for review. A copy of the report is in the 2015 board binder. No additional comments.

E. Cemetery Division-Cemetery Manager Lee Stadtmiller:

Cemetery Manager Lee Stadtmiller report was given to the board for review. A copy of the report is in the 2015 board binder. No additional comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

1:00 pm