



Park Board Meeting

January 13, 2015
Meade Extension Office
7:00 pm

Members Present: Keith Smit, Bill McKee, Janine Short, Tom Hermann, and Gene Stock

Members Absent: Kelly Vasknetz

Others Present: Kevin Forrester

New Business:

1. Approve Minutes from December 2014 Meeting

Keith made a motion to approve minutes, second motion made by Bill – minutes approved by Park Board.

2. Review Expense report

Gene provided an expense summary report to the Park Board for review. Keith made a motion to approve the expense report. Bill seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1. Trail Expansion (Ft. Meade)

Gene met with Jeff Buechler, received an estimate of \$2200 for the Cultural study. Gene stated that we are still waiting for an estimate from Shannon Vasknetz for the survey.

We are still needing to get support letters from BLM and Ft Meade. Kevin suggested we send a letter to SD DOT. Gene informed him that they have already visited regarding the crossing on Hwy 79. Ft Meade has reservations regarding the crossing and their truck traffic.

2. 2016 Budget

Discussion was held on where we stand with the soccer field concession/restroom building. Bill asked if we could use grant monies to help with building a new building. Tom suggested we contact the soccer organization to see what they need in a new facility.

Tom asked about the resurfacing of the tennis courts

Deadman Trail Phase II Bike Path extension will be going to bid in March. It was discussed if we should extend the bike path out toward Vanocker Canyon area with Scott Peterson Motors and the Winery out that direction, esp. if we are going to be able to open the Watershed for public use

3. Forestry Update

Bill updated Board members about the Forestry meeting. It was discussed that we try to get DOC or someone to help clear the roads on the Watershed due to it being a fire hazard. It was mentioned that maybe we could have a Volksmarch to show citizens the Watershed Property. Kevin mentioned that Heidi from the Chamber had the same idea and asked him to map out a route. It was asked if there is more than one access to the property and Kevin said there was a couple other ways to access it.

Discussion about purchasing the Treeworks Software was mentioned. Gene informed the board that we are working on it and Angie is taking some classes to help with using that software.

Gene and the other Park Staff recently recertified for Pesticide Application. We are watching for Emerald Ash Bore infected trees. Considering 50-60% of our trees are Ash, this could be devastating to our parks. The only way to prevent it is to treat the trees with a chemical. Otherwise if the trees get infected they will fall within a five year period from being infected

4. MPB update

Gene informed the board members that we are in the process of getting bids for MPB tree cutting

5. Starline Ave Park

Gene provided a map of the proposed park. He informed the board members that he has contacted a Playground Rep for a cost estimate and we will proceed in order to have it done by the time frame allowed

Other Matters:

Kevin Forrester updated on his trail progress. Tom asked about their nonprofit status. When that gets finalized we will try to help out some more

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Angie Shideler