



Park Board Meeting

March 19, 2015 rescheduled from March 10
Meade Extension Office
7:00 pm

Members Present: Bill McKee, Janine Short, Tom Hermann, Kevin Forrester, and Gene Stock

Members Absent: Kelly Vasknetz, Keith Smit

Others Present:

New Business:

1. Approve Minutes from January 2015 Meeting

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

2. Review Expense report

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

3. 2016 Budget

Gene informed Park Board that the Cemetery budget was just about complete and we're working on the Capital Improvement part.

There was discussion regarding the budget process. It was decided that Park Board would have a special meeting concerning the budget just so everyone is up to speed.

Bill would like to add Exercise Stations to the Capital Improvement to be installed at Woodland Park.

4. Rally Events in the Park

Rally Dept. is having a meeting on May 27, 2015 for a walk through regarding the Super Moto in the park. Bill expressed concern about the park being used for a business instead of just as a recreational facility. Janine and Tom met with Rally Dept. on behalf of the Park Board regarding the proposed activity at the Park. Discussion regarding the Motocross, use of school property. They said that as long as the school was Ok with using the soccer field, they were fine with it. They did express some concern regarding public camping, which they didn't think was a good idea. They did let the Rally Dept. know that they felt the parking lot should be used as a parking lot. Rally Dept. addressed their concerns and informed Gene that the Park would be maintained by the promoters so there should be no extra work for our staff. Comments made by Park Board were made in Good Faith. Kevin commented that the outcome of the SuperMoto may have an effect on other future endeavors.

5. Summer Events

The Events Dept. brought an application process before City Council and it was tabled until this fall when there can be more discussion and input regarding it. Gene would like to see the organization provide volunteers, Kevin was concerned about the organizations needing to have insurance to cover the volunteers. It was brought up that maybe the volunteers could sign a release waiver in place of providing insurance. Bill suggested that maybe each department could supply a person or two to help and that would leave each department with staff to carry out their daily operations.

6. Deadman Trail Phase 2

Gene met with Wade Huntington regarding the Bike Path. Meeting went well. Park Board agreed to move a tree. Wade had concerns regarding his driveway. He would like to have the approach match up with his existing driveway. Wade also would like to have some trees planted beside the bike path to ensure privacy. Tom, Bill and Janine all ok'd the trees.

7. Ft. Meade Trail

Gene has visited with GFP regarding using aggregate for the trail. GFP thinks that aggregate will work well for the project. We are aiming to make the trail ADA accessible Now Gene will contact Broz Engineering to get a quote for the project so that we can get the grant sent out since it is due by April 10, 2015. He is in the process of getting support letters and a Resolution from the City Council.

8. LWCF Inventory Report

Gene informed the Park Board that the LCWF Compliance Inspection Report has been completed and sent out.

Other Matters:

- Gene informed the Park Board that all Mountain Pine Beetle trees on the watershed have been cut down. We found three trees in the cemetery but they haven't been cut down due to the extreme fire danger.
- Gene is in the process of getting bids for the pesticide treatment for the trees in the parks and cemetery.
- We have been contacted by several organizations looking for some volunteering projects and are discussing finishing the Disc golf course by having them pour cement tee boxes and installing a wooden fence at Woodland Park up by the houses to help keep traffic off the bike path.
- Bill would like to get the LWCF signs up, which would be another project they could help with.
- Gene has been in contact with area sports to see what things they will need before the seasons begin.
- Gene visited with the Board about the Bismarck Trail sign that was in front of State Farm Insurance before the highway was widened. The sign was taken down to do the roadwork and can't be located, so discussion was brought up regarding if we want to replace the sign. The Board thought it was a good idea and the Historical Society may be able to help us with funding to do this project.
- Kevin mentioned that the SD DOT will be holding a Long Range Planning meeting and was hoping to get some input regarding the bike path crossings in high traffic areas, such as Exit 30 and out by the high school. Bill suggested flashing lights and signage in those areas

- The Board would like to do a Spring tour to see some of the new facilities and the trail that Kevin's organization has built

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Angie Shideler