



Park Board Meeting

April 14, 2015
Meade Extension Office
7:00 pm

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

Members Absent: Kelly Vasknetz, Tom Hermann

Others Present: Kevin Forrester, Shane Delbridge (Little League), and Mike Bachand

New Business:

1. Approve Minutes from March 2015 Meeting

Keith made a motion to approve minutes with the amendment of soccer field being changed to football field, second motion made by Janine and 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. Janine and Bill seconded the motion.

3. Little League

Shane Delbridge met with Park Board to discuss the 2015 season of Little League. He mentioned that they scheduled a “Clean Up Day” on April 25. He also stated that they have quite a large organization this year with plans of more growth in the upcoming future and is needing to discuss the options of lights on the fields.

Keith mentioned that some of the fields are owned by the school and was concerned about spending money on the lighting. He suggested meeting with the school concerning putting lights on their property. Bill said that maybe they could build new ball field. Keith suggested Shane meet with Gene to discuss some of the options.

4. Summer Events

Gene brought three event applications for the Park Board to review. Mike suggested the Park Board meet and discuss the application fee process. Mike also mentioned that since the ambulance department was struggling financially that the City Council can't waive the ambulance fee for these events. In regards to the Sturgis Youth Rodeo Series, since they wouldn't have rough livestock, they don't need to have an ambulance on standby. Sturgis Historical Society, Sturgis High School Rodeo, and Sturgis Youth Rodeo Series were approved. Keith thought that it was policy not to loan items outside of city so Keith motioned to deny the Ginger Gray Entertainment LLC event. Janine and Bill seconded that motion. Bill was concerned about not knowing about the events until after they already went to council. Janine would like a special meeting or email sent so they can review them prior to going to council.

5. Ft. Meade Trail

Gene informed Park Board that the RTP Grant has been sent in and we are waiting to hear back. He expects to know something sometime around July

6. Dolan Creek Estate Park

Mike mentioned that there is a new subdivision being built and the residents would like a park in that area. Keith asked who was responsible for financing the park. It was decided that the Park Board needed more information at this time

7. National Guard use of Barry Stadium

The use of Barry Stadium by the National Guards for Cadet training was approved

8. Verizon Tower on proposed parking for ball fields

Park Board approved temporary use of the lot west of Strong Field by Verizon during the Rally but wants to retain this lot for use by the Park Department and the baseball program

Old Business

2016 Budget

Gene informed Park Board that the Cemetery budget was complete and we're working on the Capital Improvement part. It was decided to schedule a budget meeting on April 30 to discuss the five year capital improvement plan. Angie will email the Park Board with a specific time.

Starline Park

Gene informed Park Board that he has been meeting with the architect. Gene supplied Park Board with the different designs. Bill was concerned about the solar lights on the basketball courts. Keith, Janine and Bill will attend the next meeting with the designer on Friday April 17, 2015 at 9:00 at the City Hall.

Rally Events in the Park

Bill recapped the meeting that was held with the Promoters back in March. Mike wanted to let Park Board that he was opposed to the event.

Deadman Trail Phase 2

Gene met with Wade Huntington regarding the Bike Path. There is still a little paperwork that needs to be finished so that DOT can start on the Bike Path. It was agreed that we will move his tree and add lilac bushes once the project is finished

Other Matters:

Kevin Forrester of Black Hills Trails has informed the Park Board that they have obtained their non-profit status. He would like to be added to the next agenda for a proposal of a bike trail to the dams. Gene informed Park Board that we have sprayed the cemetery, Ft Meade ball fields, Meade Ave Park, Fairgrounds, and Girls Softball Fields for Burr Buttercup weeds.

Arbor Day is scheduled for May 14, 2015. Details are still pending
Gene reminded Park Board that new officer elections will be held in May.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Angie Shideler