



Park Board Meeting

September 15, 2015
City Hall Front Meeting Room
7:00 PM

Members Present: Keith Smit, Tom Hermann, Bill McKee, Janine Short, Tony Dargatz, Mike Bachand and Gene Stock

Members Absent:

Others Present: John Kelly (Forest Service), Daniel Ainslie, Kevin Forrester

New Business:

1. Approve Minutes from July 2015 Meeting

Keith made a motion to approve minutes, 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 seconded the motion.

3. Cemetery brochure

We have been working on a brochure with new guidelines for decorating monuments at Bear Butte Cemetery. The idea is to make it a little easier for staff to maintain the cemetery and to help keep the cemetery looking nice. Park Board would like for us to make sure the city residents are aware of the changes by putting it in the newspaper and on the City Website. We will place the brochures at City Hall, the entrance of the cemetery, at the directory in the cemetery, and at area funeral homes.

4. Watershed

City Council would like Park Board to decide what they would like to see done with the Watershed Property and bring the ideas to the October 15 City Council meeting. It was decided that the city should open it up to primitive camping, hiking, biking, equestrian use, etc. as soon as possible and explore partnering options with government agencies with conditions of no motorized vehicle travel.

5. Discussion Event Applications

There will be a public meeting in October to discuss the cost the city incurs with the events. The City is strongly pushing for volunteers to help with event set up.

Old Business:

Starline Park Status

The cement pad for the basketball court has been poured. They are working on pouring the cement for the shelter. The shelter and playground structure has been ordered. Iverson Construction say they are on schedule to have their part of the project completed by their deadline.

Old Stone Shelter

Park Board discussed several options for the renovations of Old Stone Shelter. It was decided that due to liability issues, we should tear down the old shelter and rebuild a new shelter in the same place with the same façade. This motion goes back to Council for City input.

Daniel and City Council would like a list of the Top Five Capital Improvement Needs for the Parks Dept. The Parks Board decided to schedule a special meeting on September 21 at 7:30 AM to discuss this. Some ideas were the infrastructure at the soccer fields, resurfacing the tennis courts

Park Board was informed that the City was awarded a \$250,000 Grant for the Fort Meade Trail

Bill made a motion to make a recommendation to council to surplus the parks area on Arizona St. All in favor

Tom would like to see a sidewalk installed from Philtown to Scott Peterson Ford. Daniel informed him that this was in the future plans but the SD DOT is not for it.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Angie Shideler