



Park Board Meeting

April 14, 2016
Meade County Extension Office
7:00 PM

Members Present: Bill McKee, Keith Smit, Tom Hermann, Tony Dargatz, and Gene Stock,

Members Absent: Janine Short,

Others Present: Kevin Forrester, Tony Ortiz (BH Trails), Mike Bachand

New Business:

Approve minutes from February's Parks Board Meeting

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

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. Motioned carried

Long Range Goals

Angie and Gene are working on putting the Long Range Plan information together.

Marcotte Property Use ideas

Park Board would like to tour the area on April 29, 2016 to see what can it can be used for. Park Board was informed that a portion of the area will be used as a greenspace and we should consider development of more sports fields in this area.

Dolan Creek Subdivision Park

Janine was going to visit with the developer to get more information regarding the park. ie. who will maintain the park, where the park will be located, etc.

Forestry Board Update

TreeWorks Software

The City was awarded a Challenge Grant of \$1100 to purchase the TreeWorks Software. Angie has been in contact with Dr. John Ball about purchasing the software. We will be using SDSU license. Dr. Ball has been in contact with the software company and they will contact us to get the software installed. When the software is ready, Dr. Ball will come to Sturgis to show us how to use it and have his volunteers do an initial inventory

Gene informed Park Board that Mick Hurlburt has agreed to be on the Forestry Board Committee. Also Arbor Day will be celebrated on May 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the girls softball fields. The elementary school will send 10-15 children to attend the celebration and help plant trees.

Future location of White Plate Flat Track Monument

Daniel asked Park Board to recommend a place for the monument since it has to be moved from the current location by May 1. Park Board made a motion to see if the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum would be an acceptable place if the White Plate Flat Tracker organization was ok with it. Tom seconded the motion. Park Board agreed unanimously. Motioned carried.

Old Business:

Ft Meade Trail Update

Gene met with the surveyors regarding the Right of Way. Still waiting for VA to get theirs finished then the next step will be to select an engineer. Estimated time of start is mid summer.

Old Stone Shelter

Gene informed Park Board that he has visited with Dede Larue regarding combining the shelter and the band shell. Dede wasn't in favor of combining the two. Park Board motioned that the city get ideas together for the shelter and as soon as the city engineer is hired, having the engineer come up with a design and cost estimate so we can get started on the new shelter. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried

Advertising for full time employees

Gene informed Park Board that Gary Anderson, the Parks Mechanic, will be retiring at the end of May. Gene has been doing interviews to fill that and also for an open position for Parks Maintenance Tech.

Cemetery

Gene informed Park Board that we have opened Section 21 in the cemetery. Tom would like us to develop a plan for the future expansion of the cemetery

Old items

Gene informed Park Board that the backstop at Strong Field has been repaired, the remodeling of restrooms at Girls softball fields have been finished, the work at the fairgrounds is finished, we are getting quotes for the replacement of a bank of light at the Adult softball complex that was damaged due to high winds, Federal Land signs will be installed at Lions Club and City park according to LWCF regulations, Willow park playground equipment has been delivered and will be installed as soon as Parks Department has a chance, and the Pony Field drainage issue has been addressed and as soon as the weather permit, sod will be laid on the field

Park Board moved to approve the use of city property for the National Guard Candidate School being held in June and July. Bill seconded and all Park Board members in favor.

Kevin Forrester of Black Hills Trail has asked the board to approve installing a kiosk at the Trailhead in Lions Club Park and a bench along a trail. He presented a couple different examples of what they would like to install. Keith made a motion to approve the kiosk and bench with Bill seconding the motion, rest of the board in favor. Motion carried

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Angie Shideler