



Park Board Meeting

February 15, 2017
City Hall Front Meeting Room
7:00 AM

Members Present: Bill McKee, Tom Hermann, Janine Short, Tony Dargatz and Rick Bush

Members Absent: Keith Smit

Others Present: Mike Bachand, Daniel Ainslie, Liz Wunderlich, Kevin Forrester

Consent Calendar:

Approval of February's agenda and the minutes from November's Meeting.

Bill made a motion to approve the agenda and November's minutes, seconded by Janine. Both were approved by Park Board

Approval of Claims

Rick provided an updated budget sheet to the Park Board for review. Tom asked about any "out of the ordinary" expenses. Rick informed Park Board that the truck body frame on V12 has rotted through and the cost of repairs would be more than originally planned. They are getting estimates for repairs costs to decide what the next step

Parks Superintendent Report

Rick did a presentation showing things that the Parks crew are doing including maintenance on picnic tables and bleachers, changing lights in the parks from halogen to LED which are a lot brighter. He informed Park Board that the cemetery has had 10 burials, 5 monument settings and two Memorial benches work requests since the last meeting. It was discussed that the cemetery is getting too crowded to keep installing memorial benches so other options need to be explored. Suggestions such as planting "Memorial Trees" were discussed.

Old Business:

Old Stone Shelter

Liz informed Park Board that the shelter has been ordered. They increased the size of the shelter from 20' X 24" to 30' X 34'. The engineered drawing that Liz received were the wrong drawings so the completion date for the shelter is tentatively late July. All these dates are contingent on weather and other unforeseen factors.

Ft Meade Trail

Liz informed Park Board that first phase of the trail is out to bid. We are still waiting on the Final Environmental Assessment to be signed by BLM.

Shop location

Rick presented the Park Board a couple designs that were submitted for the new campus. The new campus will be built where the existing Public Works office is located now. A few of the existing buildings will be relocated to different areas throughout town to use as staging areas for park mowing and snow removal equipment.

Park Superintendent Recruitment

Rick and the selection committee have narrowed down the applicants to three. The selection committee will start in person interviews next week and hope to make a decision soon so the new Parks Director will be in place by mid-March.

New Business:

Naming of the new shelter

Rick asked Park Board to come up with some ideas for the name of the new shelter.

Park Board Vacancy

Rick informed Park Board that due to new revisions in the City ordinances that Park Board should be a five person board and the City council member assigned to the board is to act as a liaison and not a voting member of the board. He informed Park Board that there is good number of applicants interested in that vacancy and hopes to have a decision and have that person on the City Council Agenda the first meeting in March.

Other:

Kevin Forrester gave an update on the trails. He informed Park Board that the BLM will start naming trails this Spring and wanted their input on names for trails inside the city limits. Black Hills Trails will start putting signs up in mid-summer and he wanted to make sure they could still install signage at Lions Club Park. Park Board was fine with that. Kevin asked Park Board to start working on ground rules for trail usage on the watershed. Park Board directed Kevin to start the footwork on the rules and then they will go from there.

Kevin asked Park Board to consider some kind of crossing for the bike path at Highway 14A. Trying to cross five lanes of traffic is difficult in that area. Rick informed Kevin that the traffic count in that area isn't high enough for the SD DOT to install any type of crossing signal. We will research any other options available.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2017.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 AM

Submitted by
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