



Park Board Meeting

November 23, 2016
City Hall Room A
7:30 AM

Members Present: Keith Smit, Tom Hermann, Janine Short, Tony Dargatz and Rick Bush

Members Absent: Bill McKee

Others Present: Greg Barnier, Daniel Ainslie

Consent Calendar:

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

Tom made a motion to approve the agenda and October's minutes, seconded by Janine. Minutes approved by Park Board

Approval of Claims

Rick provided an updated budget sheet to the Park Board for review. Keith asked about any "out of the ordinary" expenses. Rick informed Park Board that they had ordered a new deck for one of the lawn mowers and the truck body frame on V12 has rotted through and will need to be fixed before they could install the new bed. Keith made a motion to approve the updated budget sheets. Tom seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

Resignation of Parks Superintendent- Gene Stock

Rick informed Park Board that former Parks Director Gene Stock took retirement on November 4, 2016. He stated that they will start actively recruiting a new Parks Superintendent in December. He hopes to have the position filled before Spring but until then he is working with Jeff Lucas and Doyle Schaefer so they can get an idea of what the position entails.

Parks Superintendent Report

Rick explained the new structuring of the City Public Works Dept to include Water and Parks Dept. to the Park Board. He stated that so far it seems to be working out very well and the operators seem to be happy with the way things are going.

Rick gave the Park Board an update of projects that the staff have been working on such as winterizing of facilities, year-end maintenance of equipment, MPB surveillance, Bear Butte Creek clean up and the eradication of the Prairie Dog Colony at the fairgrounds, which closed the fairgrounds for a couple weeks.

Old Business:

Old Stone Shelter

Rick informed Park Board that the shelter will go out to bid in February with the demolition of the old shelter to start in April. They hope to have the structure built by June. All these dates are contingent on weather and other unforeseen factors

Ft Meade Trail

Rick informed Park Board that Liz has visited with the school and they have agreed to let us pour concrete on their property. The SD DOT has approved the flashing beacon. The project should start in Spring 2017

Shop location

Rick informed the Park Board that they have finished interviewing design teams and have chosen one. The design team will now do a needs assessment by looking at all the facilities to determine a location and design.

1st Ave Trailhead

Rick showed Park Board the plan for removing the bollards and opening up the bike path onto First Ave. Daniel advised Park Board to make a motion for the recommendation to City Council to approve the plan. The motion was approved.

Ordinance 14 Review and Update

Greg reported that there aren't any real significance changes. He wants to tidy up the wording in the ordinances. Daniel informed Park Board that the bills that they review each month are already being approved through the purchasing policy so there is no need for them to be approved by Park Board also. This will help the claims get processed more efficiently.

Other:

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for December 28, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 AM

Submitted by
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