

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAILEY PARKS & LANDS BOARD
Wednesday, April 2, 2014
6:00 pm
HAILEY CITY HALL
115 Main Street S., Hailey, ID 83333**

The meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board was called to order at 6:05 pm by Janet Fugate, Chair. Present were Lamar Waters, Vice Chair, members Dean Hernandez, Kathy Noble, Terry Clark, Darin Sales and Robin Crotty. Staff present included, Operations Director, Mariel Platt, City Administrator, Heather Dawson and Council Member Pat Cooley.

Mariel Platt opened the meeting prepared to discuss the Hailey Parks & Lands Board and Parks Department 2014-December 2015 Strategic Plan. Platt explained that the first order of business would be to update the 2012 goals. The 2014/2015 goals that were discussed consisted of:

- Adopting standards for playground equipment and incorporate into the Master Plan.
- Replace the play structures at Deerfield and Foxmoor parks
- Ideas for the Seagraves gift were discussed
- The Hop Porter bench project, develop alternate funding,
- Continue upgrades at Balmoral Park.
- Noble was not in agreement with the Tree Committee as to the survival rate of the trees in Deerfield Park if they were to be moved. Dawson reminded the committee that it was not only a survival rate that was hindering us from moving the trees; however, it was a cost factor. That project has been removed from the goals.
- The Boulders that mark the parking area at the entrance of Deerfield Park need to be moved back to create a safer parking area.
- Noble noted that the Skate Park maintenance was not on the maintenance schedule and that trees need to be moved this year.
- Clark pointed out that at the Toe of the Hill; one of the pylons has fallen over on the golf Frisbee area.
- A "Wants List" was discussed. It was determined that the committee would come up with this list so that when we have a citizen that would like to make a donation, staff could show them the list of things that the Parks & Lands Board have in mind.
- Noble advised committee that the Fox Demonstration sprinkler system is in need of repair. She said that the Keefer's would like to receive request funding for this project. Noble is working on getting trees and other plant material donated for this park.
- Fugate said she would like to see historical information posted in each park.
- Hailey Ice needs to be added to the maintenance schedule.
- Waters reminded committee that Mayor Haemmerle is in support of making the hill in Deerfield Park higher. Dawson said that this is supposed to happen when they move the boulders for the parking area. They will then move the sod from the parking area to the top of the hill to keep it from being a large mud pile.
- Waters suggested making all parks in Hailey more winter friendly. He has been talking to the kids in the area and suggested the city install rails for snowboarding and skiing. This would not cost a lot to implement and would be free to use for kids all winter long. It was brought up that Keefer, and Echo Hill Parks were other great areas to utilize for this winter activity. All on the board were in agreement.

It was agreed by board members that Platt would present the updated goals to council and they would prioritize as they saw fit.

Platt distributed a maintenance schedule to the committee that she and Kelly Schwartz, Street Superintendent created. All maintenance and reservations can be found on the Parks Calendar located on the city website. This calendar is updated daily.

OLD BUSINESS

Seagraves Grant

Hernandez and Noble presented an architectural drawing of Hop Porter Park that was given to them by Greg Sturtevant in 1994. Platt informed the committee that she has learned that the City of Hailey does own the property on the west side of the park. It was discussed that the overall goal would be to put a trail system in on the west side of the park and parking along the east side and at the entry. Hernandez passed out an estimate of costs that he suggested we use the \$20,000 Seagraves gift on. In addition to his written suggestions there would be an additional \$3000 for tree removal and approximately \$6000 to replace trees. It was discussed that drip irrigation is a must for the new trees. There was a suggestion that we approach Webb Nursery to do the planting and see if they will work with us on a price to do the irrigation. There was a discussion about what trees should be planted and Cooley will check with the tree committee to see if it is imperative that we follow Hailey's tree planting guide.

Hernandez suggested that we educate the public as much as possible prior to removing any trees. He thought Our Town was a good place to start. Fugate suggested an educational piece be handed out at the Arbor Day Festival.

Clark asked the board if anybody knew if the west side of the park was a wetland. Nobody had an answer. Clark advised that if it is a wetland it could hold up the entire project. Public safety will take precedence.

Dawson said that she has talked to some neighbors by Hop Porter Park and they agreed that something needs to be done, however, they suggested things be done systematically in small bits at a time year after year. Noble said that she thought it would be difficult to create a trail system year after year.

There was further discussion regarding replacing 2 Volleyball nets, repairing the rock barbecue and staining the pavilion.

Cooley asked Dawson how these ideas needed to be presented to Mayor and Council. Dawson recommended a visual layout of the master plan, a list of ideas and detail with the costs. It was determined that Platt would present and Hernandez would be there to answer questions.

Cooley will talk to Mayor Haemmerle to determine what is considered maintenance and what is not.

Motion

Terry Clark moved to recommend to Mayor and Council the outline that was submitted by Dean Hernandez for the scope of work, removal of hazardous trees, replacement of trees, purchase of 2 volleyball nets, repair of rock barbecue and to stain the pavilion; Lamar Waters 2nd the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Dawson advised Board that there is \$14,000 that was put in a fund when Parks for Kids was built 16 years ago for maintenance that was never used. That fund has expired and she believes that money is now available for park upgrades. Dawson is doing more research and will get the board the details on that fund by the next meeting.

FRISBEE GOLF MAP

Fugate mentioned that there was a request for paper maps on the Frisbee golf course. Platt will try to locate the map on google maps and will bring it to the next meeting for approval.

ARBORFEST 2014 – PARK BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Fugate has 2 tents that she will make available for the Arbor fest.

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All park events and maintenance can be viewed on the calendar on the City of Hailey website. As soon as the plan is approved the dates will need to be put on the calendar.

GENERAL UPDATE

Sun Valley Center for the Arts is having 3rd graders participate in creating a story walk at either Jimmy's Park or Hop Porter Park mid to late June.

Ed Uhrig and the Wood River High School Construction Academy completed a softball box and a dug out baseball fence at Keefer Park.

The next Hailey Parks & Lands Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 6pm.

Janet Fugate adjourned the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Crotty