

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAILEY PARKS & LANDS BOARD
Wednesday, June 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 6:00 pm by Janet Fugate, Chair. Present were Vice Chair, Lamar Waters, members Dean Hernandez, Kathy Noble, Darin Sales and Robin Crotty. Terry Clark was present by phone. Staff present included, Operations Director, Mariel Platt, City Administrator, Heather Dawson, Council Member Pat Cooley, Chief of Police, Jeff Gunter, and Community Development Director Micah Austin.

New Business

Archery Proposal

Sandy Martin presented. Martin advised the Board that the archery range would be a for profit business. The suggested location was changed from Cutters Park to Echo Hill at the Chief of Police, Jeff Gunter's suggestion. He felt it would be a safer venue. Martin advised that the open range would be supervised at all times. There would be a custom made net. The shooting would go from West to East. (toward the hill). The dimensions that would be needed for the archery range is 60' x 30'. Fugate was concerned if a business could operate out of a public park. Platt explained that there is nothing in the ordinance that prohibits business in a public park.

All members of the Board were concerned about safety. There was a lot of discussion and many suggestions given. The Board agreed that this is a great idea but did not think Echo Hill was a safe park because of mountain bikers. The Industrial Park and the Rodeo Grounds were both brought up as alternate locations. Councilman Pat Cooley suggested the netting be built like a batting cage.

The group seemed to be in support of the Rodeo Grounds over any other area. The Board suggested that Martin return to the July 2, 2014 Board meeting with answers regarding the netting and a site plan. Platt confirmed that any infrastructure changes that would need to be made would be paid for by Sandy Martin. Martin was in agreement.

Community Development Director, Micah Austin advised that city code needs to be changed. Currently arrows cannot cross property lines or be used in public areas. City Attorney Ned Williamson has been consulted and advised that changes can be made to the code.

Kiwanis Club

Bob Wiederrick presented on behalf of the Kiwanis Club.

Wiederrick presented two different play structures the Kiwanis Club would like to donate to Deerfield Park. The sale price on the structures end June 30th and he requested that the Board accept this gift.

There was a concern among the board members regarding all the plastic on the structure that was for the 2 – 5 age group. It was brought to Wiederrick's attention that the sand would need to be replaced with either bark or rubber for safety reasons. This will be discussed with Kiwanis as well as council.

After much discussion regarding size and preference it was decided that the Board would recommend to council the proposed 5 to 12 year old structure, the swings and the upgraded bucket swings for small children and the Pay Pole. The 2 – 5 year play structure would be tabled. Wiederrick will take the request to Kiwanis and then work with Platt on the details that will be presented to council for approval on June 16th.

Discussion on Skateboards only from 7pm to closing

Lamar Waters brought concerns of scooters in the Skate Park to the Boards attention. It was a Mayoral decision in the past to allow scooters, however, there are now concerns regarding safety and the fact that it is turning into a scooter park. Waters advised that the scooters are driving the skateboarders out of the park. Cooley advised that the original goal was to give the scooter kids a chance and that they would eventually graduate to skateboards and this does not seem to be the case.

The Board agreed that we would change the times on the park to read only skateboarders could be in the park from 7pm to closing. Gunter suggested this would be a good time to get a new sign and to make it larger with the park rules outlined. Fugate, Gunter and Waters will work on the wording of the sign. Platt will find money in the city budget to pay for the sign. There was a discussion regarding pamphlets with rules to be available at the park.

Cooley suggested that the Parks & Lands Board members go by the park and assist in enforcing the rules of the park.

Motion

Darin Sales moved to regulate the times in the park to enforce skate boards only from 7pm to close, seconded by Lamar Water. All in favor, motion carried.

Gunter requested a bigger sign displaying the rules and the times be made. Cooley suggested Lamar Waters to design the sign.

Bring Bowe Back 2014 tree planning at Hop Porter Park

It was announced that the event has been canceled. Councilman Pat Cooley advised Board that if they receive any calls regarding Bowe Bergdahl they should refer the calls to Council or the Chief of Police.

Councilman Pat Cooley left the meeting at 7:25 pm.
Terry Clark disconnected the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Skate Park Event

Lamar Waters outlined the events and gave kudos to various donors. All money raised at this event will go toward improvements in this park.

Old Business

Seagraves Grant Update

Platt updated the board on the status of the Seagraves Grant.

- Alpine Trees have removed the dead trees.
- End of June the new trees will be planted
- The replacement slide will hopefully be installed next week.

- The Bergdahl tree has been canceled since he has been freed.

There was a discussion regarding how to water the new trees. Drip irrigation was suggested. Mariel will coordinate with Kelly Schwartz, Street Superintendent.

Bench Donation Update

The anonymous bench donor has agreed to pay \$2,500 for the bench. They are asking the board to pick out the bench and the plaque. The donor may want to change the park

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Noble made corrections to the minutes of April 2, 2014 to add the word receive request funding and to add the words and other plant material. May 7 2014 minutes should read drinking fountain instead of water feature and to correct the spelling to show graffiti instead of grahite. Add under Seagraves grant update "benches around concrete pillars are completed".

Motion

Noble moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2014 and May 7, 2014 with suggested changes, seconded by Dean Hernandez. All in favor, motion carried.

July Agenda

- Bench update
- Seagraves update
- Archery Proposal
- Review of Skate Board Event

The next Hailey Parks & Lands Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2 2014 at 6pm.

Janet Fugate adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Crotty