

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAILEY PARKS & LANDS BOARD
Wednesday, September 3, 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, and Darin Sales. Staff present included, Public Works Director, Mariel Platt; Council Member, Pat Cooley and Chief of Police, Jeff Gunter.

New Business

Girl Scout's park donation – presented by Girl Scouts

Girl Scout's presented various park equipment that they would like to be purchased using their \$950 donation that the city has already received. The Board discussed the options and decided on uneven bars at Foxmoor Park. Girl Scouts did not suggest which park the donation be used at, but did like the idea of either Deerfield or Foxmoor. Deerfield Park is full with the recent equipment donation from the Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Club – Donation at Foxmoor Park

This item was tabled – no representatives from Kiwanis Club were there to present.

Curtis Park issues – presented by Chief of Police

Jeff Gunter presented pictures of the park, taken from the interior, to show how well screened the park is from adjacent properties and the road. He described the potential for safety and illegal activity issues to become an increasing problem without addressing the problem. The Board discussed options and directed staff to inquire with the Tree Committee as to whether some of the trees could be trimmed up to allow more visibility into the park. The Board requested a Tree Committee member attend the next Board meeting to share the assessment with the Board. It was also requested that staff look into lighting options and if necessary the Board would hold a neighborhood meeting at their November meeting, depending on which solution is selected by the Board at the October meeting.

Fox Acres Demonstration Garden

Kathy Noble presented a plan that she requested Kodi Farnsworth with Advanced Irrigation Solutions develop. The plan addresses retrofitting the irrigation system at the garden to correct problems that have been ongoing since the development of the garden. Noble met with Steve Keefer from the Parks Foundation and requested that the Foundation pay for the plan and new clock. The grant specified that a solar clock is to be used at the garden. If a solar clock is not used it is estimated that it would cost \$5000 to get power to an new irrigation clock. Noble said the rubber that was used on the pathway at the garden was taken to the dump. Dean Hernandez commented that the rubber was not a part of the grant. Noble mentioned Kelly Schwarz, Parks Superintendent, does not want a solar clock. The Board discussed the need for a less expensive and involved plan that fixed the irrigation, used a solar clock, and allowed for the Junipers to be replaced. Hernandez suggested the Junipers be replaced in the spring of 2015, instead of this fall. Mariel Platt suggested a phased plan due to lack of funds to complete the entire plan. Pat Cooley suggested just addressing the basics at the park, given the city's lack of funding. Kathy suggested replacing all of the drip line. Kathy stated that the Parks

Foundation will not fund the cost of producing the plan or the irrigation work. The work identified by the plan would cost \$20,500 - \$12,000 for irrigation work and approximately \$8,000 for the pathwork. The Board recommended that the plan be phased or that it be reduced to provide the necessary elements, understanding that we cannot cover the cost for all recommended improvements at this time.

Old Business

Archery Agreement Review and Update

The Council approved an ordinance amendment to allow bow and arrows at city parks, with the approval of the Chief of Police. Flight LLC has submitted safety information for Chief Gunter to review and Staff is working on an agreement for the use and rental of storage area at the Arena. Staff is waiting on insurance information from Flight LLC and final approval from the Chief.

Deerfield Sledding Hill

Staff asked for information from the Board on prior discussions regarding the sledding hill that occurred last year. The sledding hill was never installed last spring. Staff will plan this work for October.

Seagraves Grant Update

All work has been complete, excluding the 4 new trees to be installed, the temporary irrigation to the new trees, and removal of 3 trees that were determined to be hazardous by the Tree Committee. Staff requested that the Board review the location and species of the 4 new trees and finalize the plan. Three swamp white oaks and one little leaf linden were selected and the locations were identified on the plans. Staff explained that the work would be done at the end of the month. The Board suggested staff prepare a thank you with pictures, request for consideration of future donations and an article in Our Town.

Reports

Kiwanis's Deerfield Park Ribbon Cutting

The event was announced and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Motion

Janet Fugate moved to approve July 1, 2014 minutes at the next meeting; seconded by Lamar Waters. All in favor; motion carried.

October Agenda

Presentation on the Grinder Park proposal at Keefer Park
Tree Committee Assessment of Curtis Park
Review and evaluation of lighting options
Lions Park

The next Hailey Parks & Lands Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6pm.

Janet Fugate adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

