

**City of Hailey  
Parks & Lands Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2017**

Attending Board Members: Lamar Waters, Dean Hernandez, Sara Gress, Mark Spencer, Phil Rainey

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook

Council Liaison:

Absent: Pat Cooley, Darin Sales

Attending Public: n/a

**Call to Order:**

Call to order by Waters at 6:05 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes for the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 meeting by Hernandez; second by Gress; passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Fiscal Year 2018 Park Division Budget planning and updates* Cook goes over the 2018 budget with the Board, explaining some of the bigger items include Balmoral Improvements costing \$157,534, a new park vehicle costing \$25,000, a fence at Curtis costing \$10,000, and paving the walkway at Keefer costing \$14,000. Rainey states the fire department gets rid of vehicles, they may have a suburban to trade in or a one-ton truck. Spencer asks the status of the skate park lighting project. Waters explains it is a three-phase project totaling around \$60,000. Hernandez suggests putting the money for the fence at Curtis park toward the lights at the skate park. Hernandez also suggests approaching the Campion Ice House to reach an agreement regarding management of the skate park. Waters suggests updating the City web page to reflect uses/rules. Waters says he used to monitor the skate park, but is not able to anymore. Rainey suggests mentioning the management idea to the Ice House and see what problems there are and how the Parks and Lands Board may be able to help address the problems.

**Old Business:**

*Hop Porter Play Structure repairs-* Waters did another walk around on Monday and minimum repairs include a broken infant seat, broken chain, sharp edges on a slide, swinging bridge needs five or six new boards, and missing boards on turrets. Waters says these repairs would make the structure safer for kids. Rainey says sanding is needed on the structure, kids get splinters in their hands. Hernandez says Playtime in Salt Lake City can assess viability of structures for free and may have suggestions for repairs. Hernandez suggests asking if they have any free money/grants. Hernandez says this company understands code.

*The Hailey Parks, Lands and Trails Master Plan updates-* Cook says Gress made good comments in her email. Gress' email stated four points: adding environmental sustainability to the Master Plan, Gress has a lot of experience with public survey if that component is need to update the Master Plan, the Ridge to Rivers program in Boise could be a beneficial model to look at, and suggesting the Master Plan follow the rules of a Dark Sky community. Cook confirms Hailey has had a dark sky ordinance for about 15 years, though lights may not all be compatible. Spencer suggests adding sustainability to building code since construction is the best time to address water conservation, landscapes, etc. Hernandez says California is the leader is sustainability. Gress suggests looking into Bend, Oregon due to the similar climate. Waters says the Board could make the recommendation to council to adopt sustainability. Spencer says parks have natural areas and new parks should have a percentage of natural area. Gress will look into Bend and California to get information regarding xeriscaping. Spencer suggests looking into Colorado, too. Waters said he would like the Master Plan to be presented to council in the beginning of June. Gress suggests adding xeriscape to the Master Plan, in the Action Plan section, and then recommend adding xeriscaping to the ordinance. Gress says sustainability is needed as a goal. Gress suggests having documents in a drop box would be convenient. Rainey likes the idea of having the documents in one place and accessible so that they do not get lost.

**Commissioner/Staff Reports:**

*Hailey Greenway Master Plan update* – Council did not make a decision regarding which firm to hire to write the Master Plan. Council decided they wanted one additional meeting for discussion. Their next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Arborfest update* – Arborfest will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Blaine County Rec District, the Chamber and many City divisions/departments are working together to have another successful event. Arborfest will include vendors, live music, the mud run, Smokey Bear, saplings, food and bouncy forest.

**Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:**

Sustainability ideas for the Hailey Parks, Lands and Trails Master Plan  
Inviting Hailey Ice to the next Parks and Lands Board meeting  
Waters will have a Skate Park Event update  
Hop Porter Play Structure update

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Waters to adjourn the meeting; second by Hernandez; adjourned at 7:52 p.m.