

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks & Lands Board June 17th, 2020

Attending Board Members: Bob Wiederrick, Lamar Waters, Nancy Linscott, Darin Sales

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent: Penny Thayer

Attending Public: Ben Young, Bob Birkeland, Scott Lebsack, Ed Dumke, June Lane, Kitty Minor

Call to Order:

Call to Order by Wiederrick at 6:12pm

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Sales moves to table approval of May 27, 2020 meeting minutes to the July meeting. Linscott seconds, passes unanimously.

New Business

Review of updates to park plan related to a Preliminary Plat Subdivision Application by Marathon Partners, LLC, for Sunbeam Subdivision, located on Tax Lot 6655, Section 9 & 10, T2N, R18E, Hailey. Young reminds everyone that we met a while ago and looked at this project, and then received feedback from planning and zoning, and then council. The team was able to keep all elements in the park alive through this process. Young wants to review where we were, where we are now and answer any questions. Young shows the latest drawing of the park and gives an overview. The entire park will exist in the future; phase 1 and 2 are shown. Phase 1 will begin this year and development will go into next year and phase 2 will be who knows when in the future. Last time, we reviewed a similar plan. Looking at Curtis Park, between Bullion St. and Carbonate St., the new park will abut Curtis Park. The bike path will go through both parks and connect to the subdivision. The bike path is a key part of review. The park design is simple-low maintenance and Idaho-like aesthetics. There will be grass for active play, a meadow with possible future programming, and a mound for sledding. Mounds are fun for kids. The design tries to go with a simpler program. Young explains this is where we left off. Updates to this plan are flexible and practical. The new plan shows phase 1, with the Hiawatha canal to the west of new park, between the new park and Curtis Park. The asphalt bike path connects adjacent neighborhoods to Sunbeam and parks. The natural play area includes sledding, boulders, logs- a simple plan but nice addition to Hailey. There are a couple key shifts: parking lot had bisected the park and now the parking lot is turned to allow larger open space. This is the only major shift. The tree count and programming have stayed same. Young then asks for questions.

Wiederrick says he likes turning parking lot and offers one consideration: the parking could be a good area for restroom and pavilion and wonders if a sewer tap may be added, also thinking Kiwanis may contribute. Ben comments on sewer hookup, saying there are spaces for future programming and they are trying to keep a simple plan that allows for future flexibility. Linscott asks about connectivity, wonders if the park will be contained without streets bisecting noting that it looks like Curtis and Sunbeam will merge to one park, not be two parks. Linscott asks about playing field and construction, draining and irrigation. Young says this park is perched on

a bench and is not concerned about drainage, that whether flat or not, not want soggy play area. Also, puddling on the path is unwanted. Linscott asks if restroom will be part of phase 2. Young explains they didn't include restrooms, that adding something that intensive, after so many approvals, not likely, but he likes the idea of stubbing out connections. Wiederrick says we can't expect a large park donation with every request, but that once a need arises, then address it. Young says he will get back with board, could be agreeable. Birkland says acreage of Phase 1 is about 4.5 acres. Young explains that Dumke has negotiated with the city, negotiating a well site the city needs, not regardless of sunbeam needs. Young says there will be a pump assembly on site that will be fenced, but will create a larger space, which will be nice for the area to be contiguous. Wiederrick said it doesn't look like tons of change, like previous plans that is going in a good direction and that stub outs are only after thoughts from last meeting, but would save a lot hassle later. Wiederrick asks about ada accessibility and whether that will be accommodated in park, mentioning parents like restrooms close to play areas or sports field areas. Linscott is in favor. Young doesn't think a formal recommendation is necessary. Birkland mentions this will go to council in July. Young says he would like a formal recommendation for council for when this project goes to council in July. Young has added bike racks on this plan, making everything ada accessible. Waters joined the meeting late, and is on board with the presented updated park plan. Waters asks for a motion. Sales makes motion and is seconded by Linscott; approved unanimously.

Old Business

Council approved the Keefer Park ballfield name change to be renamed the Lars Hovey Ballfield on October 10, 2019. Discussion of possible designs of what the new signage may look like.

Darin would like to see a biography of who and why ballfield name changed. Wiederrick said a sign for people walking up to field to read who he is and what he did, maybe all on 3rd base sign. Waters asks what the sign could be made of and what the font looks like, that level of detail is needed. Sales agrees that further discussion is needed. Wiederrick says meeting at the park would make it clearer what the intent is. Linscott agrees to meet outside. Waters mentions social distancing.

Board/Staff Reports

Skate Park lighting update; Kiwanis meeting presentation. Wiederrick gives an update, saying Kiwanis met at Cutters Park today. Brian Yeager, City of Hailey Public Works Director, presented what city would like to do at skate park. Kiwanis has a motion whether to pursue raising \$22,000 for lighting. They need a majority of members to be on board. Sales asks if there is a decision between solar and tradition. Wiederrick explains that costs are similar but solar isn't as efficient. Sales would like to go solar if possible, but makes sense for traditional. Waters says bright is best, maybe having a solar back up. Wiederrick says they didn't have a majority at the meeting and is not sure what decision will be. Wiederrick hopes to have more info at July meeting. Sales said it's good to hear this is initially moving forward and there is interest. Waters is willing to help out. Wiederrick says members are concerned about lighting and policing, the main use is spring and fall when days are shorter, winter will probably be shut out due to snow. Linscott would like lighting to be controlled so that it is not detracting and it complies to Dark Sky, maybe have moisture and motion sensors, when raining or no one there, then no lights. Waters likes the idea of motion detection and regarding Dark Sky, arena and ice skating go against dark sky, not sure skate park has much to worry about, lights must not blind drivers, a configuration is drawn. Wiederrick says maybe not having them on in January or February, for example, when condition allows or users clear space, then city can turn on. Linscott says

Ketchum Skate Park had a moose stuck in there in the winter, maybe motion detection in winter is a good thing. Wiederrick says hopefully he will know good news soon whether Kiwanis is onboard.

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda

Pickleball

Keefer field renaming

Adjourn

Sales moves to adjourn, Linscott seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.