

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board
Meeting held at Keefer Park in Hailey, Idaho
June 26th, 2019

Attending Board Members: Bob Wiederrick, Henno Heitur, Darin Sales, Lamar Waters
Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook
Council Liaison: n/a
Absent: Mark Spencer, Sara Gress, Nancy Linscott
Attending Public: Becki Keefer, Steve Keefer

Call to Order:

Call to order by Waters at 6:04pm.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Heitur moves to approve meeting minutes from March 27th and April 24th, 2019. Wiederrick seconds, passes unanimously.

New Business:

Steve and Becki Keefer present and discuss the idea of naming the ballfield at Keefer Park to "Lars Hovey Ballfield". Becki Keefer explained that the ballfield was dedicated in 2008, having limited funds for landscaping, grass, irrigation, etc. Becki Keefer also explained that Lars Hovey is a great person and has experienced a lifetime of baseball and was a school teacher. Keefer says Kenny Nelson, grandson of Ray Nelson, was on Hovey's team when they went to State. Keefer says that Lars was told there is no money, so he recruited help; Ed Uhrig installed fence, team parents raked, and the City, and Tom Hellen, kept everything irrigated. Keefer confirmed Hovey is on board with the field renaming. Keefer also says Hovey is a good community member and advocate of youth sports. Keefer says history needs to be posted, giving examples of Roberta Mc Kercher, Hop Porter and now this ballfield; all great assets. Steve Keefer recognized all of Hovey's years of teaching and coaching. Heitur explains the work the board is doing to gather and post park histories. Steve Keefer says history can get lost and that recognition is important, let's recognize them. Waters moves to recommend to council that the ballpark at Keefer Park be names Lars Hovey Ballpark; passes unanimously.

Discussion of possible locations for new play equipment at Keefer Park. Kiwanis is working to reach their goal of purchasing play equipment for an older age group and then donate the equipment to Keefer Park. Wiederrick steps off different sized areas near the existing structure to see what may fit where best, looking at areas between the current structure and field, and current structure and pathway. Wiederrick explains that Kiwanis will have a meeting between June 26th, 2019 and the next Parks and Lands Board meeting on July 14th, and will have an opportunity to vote on the purchase of the structure. Sales moves to dedicate the location is north and west, adjacent to, the existing structure's footprint, between the footprint and the pathway, which will not interfere with trees or existing amenities; Wiederrick seconds, passes unanimously.

Old Business:

Continuation of previous agenda item. Discussion of park specific planning effort and objectives, to determine a list of amenities, needs, the purpose and future use of each individual park. The next 3 parks that will be looked at are Keefer Park, Lions Park and Jimmy's Garden. Cook asks for suggestions, if anyone has any more or other thoughts or ideas. The board has a direction and knows what the goal of this project will look like. Research is what will be next. Heitur suggests reaching out to the Historical Society. Wiederrick suggests C&C Woodworking or Andrew Holly of Holly Signs & Graphics to possibly design and create signs. Wiederrick also suggests reaching out to the Museum, Mountain Express, or the Library for information.

Board/Staff Reports:

Hop Porter Park play structure update. The City is looking for contractor help to get the play structure at Hop Porter Park stained and sealed. Repairs are being made and slides will be installed soon.

Kiwanis Park updates. The remaining pieces needing completed are smaller details, including the entry sign, installation of bbq's and benches, a small area of landscaping, G&G Landscaping has helped with soil work in the soccer field and finishing details around the path, play structure and pavilion.

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:

None

Adjourn:

Waters moves to adjourn, Wiederrick seconds; passes unanimously at 7:22 pm.