

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board**  
**Meeting held at City Hall in Hailey, Idaho**  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Attending Board Members: Bob Wiederrick, Darin Sales, Nancy Linscott, Sara Gress

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent: Mark Spencer, Lamar Waters, Henno Heitur

Attending Public: Jeanne Bauwens, Jim Lane

**Call to Order:**

Call to order by Gress at 6:05pm.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Wiederrick moves to approve meeting minutes from July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Sales seconds, passes unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Continuation of discussion to possibly convert a tennis court at Heagle Park to a pickleball court. A survey has been open since end of July to gain feedback regarding this change. Gress states the survey seems to be skewed, wonders about thoughts of the tennis community and says tennis and pickleball can be played on the same court. Jeanne Bauwens has been keeping a sign in sheet. Gress asked where it hangs, saying she wants to be sure tennis players are aware. Gress recently went to Heagle Park to play tennis and did not see a sign in sheet. Wiederrick suggests converting one tennis court to two pickleball courts to ease the change, it would be a good compromise and maybe add more pickleball courts later. Sales suggests having one pickleball court on each tennis court. Wiederrick says two pickleball courts will fit on one tennis court. Gress suggests moving forward with pickleball by adding the courts over the tennis court lines. Linscott says pickleball is growing and there are so many tennis courts and so few pickleball courts, Linscott suggests to do it once. Gress points out that these tennis courts at Heagle Park are the only public courts in Hailey, noting move forward conservatively because if private entities, or the school district, chose to not allow the public, then there will be no tennis courts available, but that is worst case. Gress says it's a bit much to do away with tennis. Linscott suggests looking for grant opportunities for pickleball courts. Bauwens suggests one pickleball court on one tennis court and two pickleball courts on the other tennis court, both courts will be multi-use. Gress asks about budget and size of courts, more information is needed. Wiederrick says that if the pickleball community can help contribute financially, then maybe Kiwanis Club could help buy things like nets. Sales says he understands that the tennis community came together to get those courts in. Sales needs to know more, not wanting to tear out courts and make changes too soon. Sales suggests painting and multi-use courts is the way to go. Sales is in favor of keeping the two tennis courts, having them multi-use and getting the layout and measurements for pickleball courts. Linscott agrees that costs are needed. Bauwens asks if Cook*

will gather costs. Lane says Blaine County Recreation District would be willing to help with costs. Gress says all stakeholders need to be present. Bauwens wonders if there is no response or an emotional response from the tennis community, she doesn't want the tennis community to over voice the pickleball community. Sales asks if it's possible to send out a press release, and states there was a major fund raiser for the development of the tennis courts. Sales moves to keep the two tennis courts multi-use with tape for pickleball use for this season and paint next spring, and put out public notice of possible permanent changes that may be considered next spring. Gress 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*  
Linscott says 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders could possibly help do research, maybe beginning in winter. Linscott will talk with their scheduler and see what is available.

**Board/Staff Reports:**

*Hop Porter Park play structure update.* The City is continuing with the improvements work. Staining is completed, painting is nearly finished. Date for grant celebration is still not decided.  
*Kiwanis Park improvements final update, opening celebration held September 4<sup>th</sup>* This project is completely finished. Kiwanis had a nice gathering on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The City has been reimbursed for the grant work.

**Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:**

None

**Adjourn:**

Sales moves to adjourn, Wiederrick seconds; passes unanimously at 7:31 pm.