

City of Hailey Parks and Lands Board

Board: Kitty Miner, Darin Sales, Penny Thayer, Lamar Waters, Bob Wiederrick

Staff: Emily Williams

Call to Order: 5:00PM

Penny moves to approve July minutes, Lamar seconds, all in favor.

Hailey Tree Inventory:

Emily shared that local volunteers are completing a Hailey Tree Inventory of all public trees in Hailey, including park trees. This data will provide a baseline tool for the City to better understand and manage the urban forest. The Inventory is made possible by the Wood River Valley Collaborative Forest Enhancement Project. Progress on the inventory can be viewed at: [//pg-cloud.com/Idaho](https://pg-cloud.com/Idaho)

Kiwanis Park Tree Planting:

Emily shared that the subaward for the Kiwanis Park tree planting grant was officially approved by City Council & the Mayor. This project is anticipated to begin in the spring and will plant trees along the western edge of the park to help provide a barrier between the park and State Highway 75/Friedman Memorial Airport. The trees will also provide shade, among other benefits, for park users. [To view a full update on the grant in the City Council Packet from 9/23/24, page 3.](#)

Hop Porter Park Stage Update

Bob provided an update on the Hop Porter Park Stage to the Board. Kiwanis gave a \$35,000 check to the City to help fund the construction of Phase 1 of the Stage. The City has broken ground on the project, and awarded a bid for Stage construction. This initial phase of the stage includes earthwork and concrete, a future phase will include the installation of above ground timber and a masonry wall. The Committee suggested working with Sawtooth Brewery to help fundraise for future stage construction phases.

Hop Porter Park Discussion

- The Committee recommended working with the Hailey Arts and Historical Preservation Commission to refurbish the ceramic handprints displayed at the Park.
- The Committee recommended installing a commercial disc swing where a “Bucking Bronco” was initially installed and removed from the play structure.
- The Committee expressed appreciation for the work that has been done this year to refurbish the beloved Hop Porter Play Structure.

Skate Park Discussion

- Committee expressed continued support for replacing existing pavers with concrete, noted importance of maintaining existing plaques, and securing them permanently to Park in concrete.
- Emily will follow up with concrete contractor to determine when the concrete repairs can occur.

Curtis Park Discussion

- Penny made a motion to recommend that the City clearly identify all boundaries of the City-owned land at the Park, Bob seconded, all in favor.
- Board noted that City purchased playground equipment for this Park, Board needs to determine at a future meeting where this equipment will be placed – whether at Curtis or another Park.
- Board expressed support for placing picnic tables at Curtis Park
- Bob noted that Kiwanis may be willing to help cover a portion of the cost of a fence along the southern edge of the Park. Board discussed the benefits of a corrugated metal fence, and noted the ease of maintenance associated with metal fences.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03PM