

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board

Hailey City Hall

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Attending Board Members: Lamar Waters, Bob Wiederrick, Karen Daly, Kitty Miner, Darin Sales

Attending City Staff: Emily Williams

Attending Public: Linda Ries (on behalf of Hailey Tree Committee)

## **Call to Order:**

Call to order by Waters at 6:03

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Sales moves to approve minutes of September 28, 2022 meeting, seconded by Wiederrick, passes unanimously.

## **New Business:**

### *Summer Parks Update*

Ana Wiederrick completed her maintenance contract at the Skate Park, she caulked the entire edge of the park, sealing the coping ahead of the winter season and helping to preserve the integrity of the park for years to come. A huge thank you to Ana for all of her hard work, she made a huge impact on the Skate Park!

City staff provided an overview on the summer parks season: Staffing shortages continued throughout the season, in the future the City may consider hiring contractors to help perform some of the summer Parks work if staffing shortages persist. This year, the City replaced the backup power supply at the Rodeo Grounds – an essential purchase for public safety should the power fail during an event there. The City also purchased some remote controllers for park irrigation. Goals for the upcoming season include: an online parks reservation system, updating special use permits to manage event littering, restroom upgrades, development of a volunteer group to help care for the parks.

### *Collaboration with Tree Committee:*

The Board agreed that the Tree Committee should be brought in for an evaluation of Hailey Park Trees before making structural changes to parks.

### *Curtis Park:*

The Committee began discussing potential upgrades at Curtis Park. Wiederrick suggested filling the corner of the park with a high impact surface and adding a swing and pavilion structure, similar to what is in place at Deerfield. He shared that the Papoose Club helped fund past Parks and Recreation equipment, and that Kiwanis may be interested in purchasing replacement seats for swings as they age.

### *Heagle Park:*

Board requested that the Tree Committee review and make a recommendation about Cottonwoods at Heagle Park.

**Old Business:**

*Skate Park:*

Wiederrick will remove temporary shade structure and store until Spring. Board suggested moving picnic table underneath the shade canopy next spring. They also noted that the bench on the existing picnic table is broken.

*Arboretum Grant Funding:*

The Board determined that finding funding for improvements at the Arboretum is a priority this winter. Grant funding would cover installing a new irrigation system, upgrading the existing trail to be ADA compliant and increasing signage at the Arboretum.

Waters will contact Boise-based federal grant expert Kathy Muir about potential funding opportunities. Potential partners for this grant include Wood River Trails Coalition, Sawtooth Botanical Garden and the Senior Connection. The Board sees this as an opportunity to improve the entrance to Hailey since the Arboretum is located directly behind the Welcome to Hailey sign.

City staff will continue to work with the Parks and Lands Board and Tree Committee to identify a grant opportunity and next action items.

The Board voted to move their next meeting to November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.

**Adjourn:**

Waters moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:10PM, second by Sales, passes unanimously.