

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

Hailey City Hall

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Attending Staff: Emily Williams, Brian Yeager

Call to Order: 5:00 PM

Public Comment:

- Board heard from Curtis Park area neighbors:
 - o Jim Paris expressed support for a better fence at the south end of the Park, and a desire to maintain the character of the Park. He described the main users of the park as being elderly and felt that having a play structure at the park would disrupt the quiet character of the park. He also noted the proximity of Sunbeam Park and the existing play structure there.
 - o Rob Thomas expressed a similar opinion, stating that the quiet park is a benefit to area neighbors, and noted that he doesn't feel there has ever been enough maintenance at the park. He felt that the park was a great space for a respite.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Lamar made a motion to approve minutes from Wednesday, July 26, 2023 meeting, Bob seconds, all in favor.

Curtis Park:

- Public Works Director Brian Yeager shared that Rob Beck would be addressing tree concerns identified by Board and Hailey Tree Committee, including the Cottonwoods along the Canal. He also described a proposed pathway connecting East Croy to Sunbeam along the Canal.
- Board discussed potential location for playground structure and measured out the 46' x 32' impact area that the structure would require. The Board expressed their desire to preserve all healthy, mature trees in the Park. Board members agreed that Parks are for everyone, all those who live in and visit Hailey regardless of age, gender, race. They also discussed that as Sunbeam and other adjacent neighborhoods continue to develop, there will be more people utilizing Curtis Park and surrounding infrastructure. Board members discussed their desire for additional public engagement regarding the play structure, and a more complete plan before moving forward. Darin made a motion to table this discussion for the time being, Kitty seconded, four board members supported the motion.
- Board recommended replacing boards on existing bench at Curtis and adding a picnic table.

Heagle Park:

- Brian shared that the City is moving forward with repairing the Heagle Park volleyball court, and with adding parking adjacent to the Pavilion as well as a flood water drainage channel.

Skate Park:

- Brian supports adding concrete in center of skate park, but wants to maintain buffer zone between shallow, north bowl and the two large bowls to the south.
- Lamar noted that the Park needs maintenance including patching, sealing, and the addition of concrete.
- City received a \$20,000 quote for maintenance on park, including adding additional concrete – the City needs support from the Skate community to commit to this project.

All Parks:

- The City has contracted with Clearwater Landscaping to add impact material at City Parks.
- Penny shared that she has heard from multiple people that they enjoy the mural at Hop Porter Park, and that skaters visit Hailey to skate at the Skate Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM