

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

Hailey City Hall

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

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

Attending Staff: Emily Williams

Call to Order:

Call to order by Waters at 5:00PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Wiederrick moves to approve minutes of Wednesday October 26, 2022 meeting, seconded by Sales, passes unanimously.

Curtis Park:

Wiederrick gave an update on Curtis Park. He shared that Kiwanis is on board with placing the four seat swing intended for Lions Park at Curtis. Further, they are interested in converting the existing two seater swings to bucket seats. The board discussed the importance of offering play structures for toddlers and elementary age children, but separating the two groups enough that both could enjoy their separate intended play structures. However, the structures would need to be close enough together for one caregiver to keep an eye on children at both locations. The board noted that a good place for a play structure could be the NW corner of the park, but that an impact area for the swing set would need to be created.

Wiederrick offered to research play structures for 3-5 year olds, and would price out options for Curtis Park and discuss funding opportunities with Kiwanis.

Williams presented the Hailey Tree Committee's recommendations for Curtis Park. Waters moved to accept all recommendations, Miner seconded, passes unanimously.

Wiederrick suggested meeting on site in April with the Hailey Tree Committee at Curtis to follow up on recommendations.

Heagle Park:

Parks Board expressed gratitude to the Hailey Tree Committee for their time and help.

The Board discussed bathroom options at Heagle:

- Board recommends installing porta potties with a structure to keep them from being knocked over and to make the space look better.
- Potential walls could be made out of rusted, corrugated metal.
- Williams will follow up with Mike about sizing for a porta potty structure
- Board recommended keeping the porta potties away from the BBQ and Pavilion
- Waters recommended looking into placement of pads to install porta potty structures at a future meeting.

- Board members planting native species to shield porta potties from view.

Arboretum:

Williams and Waters presented on grant opportunities for the Arboretum. Board agreed that the first phase of the grant needed to be focused on irrigation, with the added benefit of an opportunity to beautify the entrance to Hailey. Waters noted the importance of documenting public participation with newspaper ads and inclusion of public meetings in the grant application.

Williams would further research the irrigation issues at the Arboretum to determine whether it needed to be updated or replaced. The board suggested installing moisture meters and smart irrigation.

Phase two of the grant application could include the ADA compliant trail.

Skate Park Funding/Improvements:

- The Board made a recommendation to make the center of the Skate Park a more useable space by adding concrete and additional features to the park.
- Board suggested removing the central pavers to be used at another City park.
- Waters noted the importance of traffic flow at the Park, and the need to have skate park users drain to the north. A possible feature could be a curb and metal edge to grind on.
- Board suggested running conduit under pavers to NW for any irrigation and electric for potential future lighting structure (future lighting structure could double as poles for shade structure)
- Board noted that it would be very important to embed the existing plaques at the Park into the concrete
- Board questioned who was responsible for skate park users utilizing the space to the South end of the Ice House.
- Board discussed whether it would be better to install a permanent shade structure or a removable canvas structure. An area to consider would be the NW Corner, further from the Ice House building.
- Board noted that the more interest users see the City taking in improving the park, the more likely they would be to get involved with taking care of the park. Board members suggested having stewards of the skate park to make the park a proud part of Hailey.
- The Board discussed adding overhead lighting at the skate park at night. The board noted that the City already lights the rodeo arena during the winter all night for ice skating. Board members noted that this may help dissuade crime. Waters noted that there is an existing lighting plan for the skate park. The best parks in country are lit up and active until 10PM. Board agreed that when making improvements, it would be important to consider allowing for lighting to be installed in the future.

Waters moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:26PM, second by Sales, passes unanimously.