

**CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MONTANA**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2021 – 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Carol Berg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.  
Committee Members Present: Carol Berg, Jennifer Frazer, and Kelly Huffield.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Minutes from the January 27, 2021 and February 4, 2021 were presented and approved on a motion by Jen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly.

**Additional Committee Discussion Requests**

None

**Public Comment**

It was brought up that Betsy Hammon is interested in helping with any walking trails that may be planned. She is also interested in a community garden if any are planned. Jen had visited with Otto Olsen and he that, remembers many years ago, 2 Tennis courts had been talked about to be located where the horseshoe pits are located. Rynards were interested and involved with that plan.

**Committee Member Reports on Assignments**

Jen Frazer:

- The Bair Grant was mailed February 22 and was also sent electronically the same day. Extra copies have been sent to both the city and the city engineer.
- Contact the city to get NWE to make sure the Tennis court has electricity for the water system.

Kelly Huffield –

- Light at Joanna’s Park – still waiting – hopefully soon.

Carol Berg:

- Skateboard users Presentation – One of the key members was not available, so this will be scheduled for a later meeting.
- She has not received the draft Tennis Court Rules from Mr. Tasic.
- Meeting with Mayor - Jen and Carol met and visited about the gopher problem at Bair Park. The grant was approved by the Mayor and was signed. The process of putting out bid requests was asked. The office ladies will send a couple of examples to Jen to be used as templates.
- Steve Ferriter – Jen Frazer sent him a better map for the model. She will follow up.
- Ask the Mayor about a mitigation plan for ground cover and maybe a green space survey.
- Find the park plan that was drafted in 2000.
- Get a price on ladder

Pattie Berg: Was unavailable for this meeting. Assignments:

- Finalize filling the vacancy
- Connect with Josh if he would install and how would install.
- Check on new pool.

### Work Session

**Process to Fill Vacant Seat** – Discussion was held about the vacant position. The committee all agreed to recommend Maggie Johnston-Roatch to fill the position. Her name will be submitted to the Mayor and the council will appoint at their next meeting.

**Parks accessibility was discussed.** It was brought up that Tinina is willing to give a donation. We will give them some options for ground cover for each park in need and let them decide where and how much to donate. We all felt like the city needs to finalize what they will use, with which design and configurations. A mitigation plan needs to be in the works .

**Tennis Court Fundraising:** The Committee agreed to wait and see whether the Bair Grant is successful before doing any more fundraising. After that, it may be easier to fundraise for things such as new playground equipment, or for improvements to the parkland being donated by the Spike Short family.

**Short Park** We are excited to start soon on the park. We will need to go and look at the area. Ideas for it may also be already on the wish list.

**Adopt a Spot** We talked about this as a way for community members to have a vested interest in our parks. Also to be thinking of other community spaces that could be adopted. This could be a part of our master Park plan.

### Other items discussed included:

- We talked of possibly partnering with the Arts Council with music and exercise. Kelly brought up that the Race for this Place hasn't picked a group to sponsor for this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Will discuss at the next meeting that it could be a good fundraiser for one of the playgrounds.
- Cameras for security. Jen is going to do further research on this. The discussion on beautification continues. A reminder was given that the moneys in the
- Community Foundation is available and would be used in and for all the Parks. Also that Thrivent Action Grants could be used for this.
- The tennis court rehab bid process will be started. The committee looked briefly at the Master List and will work at the next meeting on the City Parks Master Plan. A call to Otto Olsen will be given to receive input on the bid verbiage. On a high note, Kelly has heard from many in the community that are excited about the refurbishing of the Tennis Court. Set a tentative schedule for implementing contracted work. Jen motioned that there will not be a basketball hoop at the tennis court, Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor.
- The next Meeting was scheduled for the week of 14-19 of March via Zoom

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion made by Jen Frazer and seconded by Kelly Huffield.

Respectfully,  
Carol Berg, Chair