

City of White Sulphur Springs, MT
Minutes of the 2/16/2022 Parks Advisory Meeting

Present: Jen Frazer, Kelly Huffield, Carol Berg

Due to not having a Quorum, the approval of the minutes from the 2/2/22 meeting will be moved to the next meeting.

Committee member tasks:

Kelly: no report on tasks, she reminded us of the Community Foundation money for beautification that is needing to be used. Could be used towards the Adopt-A-Spot project. Would like to use Casey Steinke but the feeling is to at least get a couple of prices. The light is still not lit!

Carol: She has talked to a couple of fencer, and will follow up with them to make them aware of the new bid dates. In by 3/4/22, opening on the 7th. This is it. After receiving the bid we will use, she will contact Tintina for funding. She will get ahold of Kaye Ringer for her to look at our proposed Parks maintenance tracking system. Come up with a list of BMX Pump track rules and cost on signage.

Jen: Most of her list will be discussed in other parts of the meeting. The group of people for the CORR Project have been finalized and all know of the dates. Pattie or Jen are in charge of the E-mails. March 17: 4-6 and April 21: 4-6. Kris Morgan was invited to this group as she had indicated interest of the PAC. The press release for the CORR is ready to go, her name and contact info is there for others interested in the Project. So important that we are transparent in all we do.

New members: Candi Richardson was approved by the City Council to be a committee member. She was unable to attend today but is excited to be a part of the group. A letter of intent from Kaye Ringer is being prepared. This has been delayed due to School activities and family needs. We hope to have her approved in the next month.

Mcstravick Tennis Court: the 5th pallet of the court is still in Bozeman, either Stacy Menard or Rick Ellison will be picking it up in the near future. Fencing Bids have been re-opened, due 3/4/22 and will be awarded on 3/7/22 at the next Council meeting. That is on the agenda already. The irrigation bid was given to Sereday as he submitted it by the 1st deadline. He will be asked to revise it due to changes in the design. Jen Frazer had a good visit with the Mayor about this park. He gave a go ahead on getting some picnic table but requested ones with low to no maintenance.

We will help the City to develop a proposed design, but it is in their court. Talk of signage for the Tennis Court was also discussed. For funding for the backboard and fencing, we will make a proposal to Tintina.

For parks in general, we will try to get our youth interested in activities and options of fun. We would like signage to be up by Spring for our Bump Track. The group all liked the idea of trying to install soccer field equipment possibly in the Baseball field area. It's important to have that area being used.

Jen Frazer attended the last city council meeting and gave them an update on this committee. She gave the priority list that has been started. With hopes to have it completed by the July meeting. The mayor will contact Rockhard on the cement warranty. Carol Berg has volunteered to pour and finish the cement around the new posts.

The fall zones at the parks, is one of the items on the priority list. Before the next meeting Kelly and Carol will take measurements and get a more solid plan of the areas that need material. They will also look into the ADA and fall zone issue, so something can be started by June. The mayor did give his recommendation of manufactured woodchips. It is less expensive and more environmentally friendly. This should be placed around each piece of equipment. Discussion was had on the fall zone material, minimum distances between equipment, looking for grants and installation applications. There are online calculators that will help on the amount we will need. A master maintenance plan is being made to keep track of what and when items need to be done. We would like the City parks crew to give us their opinion and input before it is finalized.

Public comment: Whitley West talked to Jen about getting something going for Baseball/Softball. Tom Tosic is excited to possibly offer Tennis lessons.

Next meeting 3/2/22 – 4:15 – 5:45 at the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47

Minutes taken by Carol Berg, Committee Vice Chair