

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. March 30, 2015
Courthouse Courtroom**

Roll Call of Members

Chair, Blake Hempstead, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Blake Hempstead, Shawn Hansen, Stephanie Galle, Kevin Hart, and Robin McKernan.

Absent: Mark Vuckovich, Paul Furthmyre

Others Present: John Leo Sladich, Interim Parks & Recreation Director and Julie Hoffman, Clerk of Commission (to take minutes).

Members of the Public: Karen Yeoman, John Yeoman and Rose Nyman.

Approval of Minutes

Robin McKernan moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting; seconded by Shawn Hansen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget

Stephanie Galle requested an itemized list of projects broken down by park and the estimated costs associated with the projects in order to get a big picture idea of where the county's priorities are with regard to fixing and maintaining the parks.

Blake Hempstead stated he will request this information from CEO Ternes Daniels.

Reports to Board

- A. John Leo Sladich reported that trees are being cut down at Benny Goodman due to the tree roots interfering with sewer lines.

Old Business

- A. Skating Rink Liner

Blake Hempstead followed up on a question from a member of the public at the March 2, 2015 meeting and informed the Board he was quoted an estimate of \$11,400 for a 60,000 sq. ft. liner. The cost does not include shipping or storage.

Kevin Hart stated the Board should look into the benefits of the liner in terms of the ice in the winter, but at the same time look at other alternatives as well, including whether the soil at the Commons is up to par.

John Leo Sladich stated that the Commons area was previously a baseball field so the ground underneath is granite.

Blake Hempstead stated that Josh Turner from Old Works Golf Course specializes in turf management and has offered to provide assistance if need be.

B. Kennedy Commons Stage Area

John Leo Sladich informed the Board he believes the ceiling is coming down and would recommend against taking the doors down.

Blake Hempstead stated he will contact Job Corps and see if someone in their maintenance department can come take a look at it.

C. Lighting Solutions at Washoe Park and Charlotte Yeoman

Blake Hempstead spoke with Paul Babb at Northwestern Energy who stated they donated money to Butte Silver-Bow to install the light structures. He informed Blake that Northwestern Energy does not sell lights. However, if Anaconda Deer Lodge County had a plan in place that included controls and upgrades, Northwestern Energy could assist with rebates. Mr. Hempstead stated that a study would need to be done to get an idea of the cost.

Shawn Hansen asked if Charlotte Yeoman would be used at night if lighting was installed. Blake Hempstead stated that in addition to baseball and softball, it could be used for a variety of other activities as well.

D. Parks & Recreation Director Position

CEO Ternes Daniels provided the Parks and Recreation Board with the job description for the Parks and Recreation Director. CEO Ternes Daniels also informed them via memo that the ADLC Commission did approve \$10,000 to hire or contract a Recreation Coordinator. However, this position has not been filled.

Kevin Hart stated that he has mixed feelings with regard to hiring a Recreation Coordinator. He stated both parks and recreation duties have always been done by one person. He added that since there are less recreation duties in the County, hiring someone seasonally to act as a liaison may be an appropriate option.

Stephanie Galle stated that she sees a need for a Recreation Coordinator. She stated there are no adult recreation programs, the pool is understaffed, and the school needs help with the basketball and volleyball programs. She stated the Recreation Coordinator should be a year round position.

The Board discussed the responsibilities of the head coaches with regard to assisting the middle school and elementary school team sports. Shawn Hansen stated there has been disconnect down the line. Blake Hempstead stated that Ed Dulaney has been involved in coaching various sports for years and emphasized that Mr. Dulaney runs the program by himself. The Board agreed that a Recreation Coordinator could act as a liaison between the programs and the school to ensure continuity of programs.

The Board will review the Parks and Recreation Director job description, Pool Manager job description, and Working Supervisor job description and come up with a template for a Recreation Coordinator job description along with their recommendations and get this information to CEO Ternes Daniels and the Commission as soon as possible.

New Business

No new business.

Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous.

Public Comment

Karen Yeoman, 1417 W. 3rd: Ms. Yeoman stated she would like to see a combined Parks and Recreation Director. She stated a lot of the recreation programs have been turned over to the schools. She also stated there needs to be someone at the pool to manage it at all times.

Rose Nyman, 121 E. 3rd: Ms. Nyman asked if the money that was in the Recreation budget got moved into the general fund. Blake Hempstead informed Ms. Nyman that the money that was allocated for the Recreation budget stayed in the Parks and Recreation budget.

Ms. Nyman expressed concern that the County is focusing too much on fixing infrastructure and not focused enough on the needs of the community.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April, 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Community Service Center located at 118 E. 7th Street.

Adjournment

Robin McKernan moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stephanie Galle. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.


Julie Hoffman, Secretary


Blake Hempstead
Chair, Parks and Recreation Board