

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016
ACTIVITY CENTER
12:00 NOON

Present:

Greg A. Weitzel, Brent Martin, PJ Holm, David Pennock, Bill Combo, Jeff Forbes, Jim Hammon, Tom Hersh, Matt Hill, Kerry Martin, Jill Kirkham, John LoBouno, Kris Millgate, Tom Hally

Absent:

Tim Reinke, Mike Davis, Steve Janes, Dave Radford,

Guest Attendees:

Lisa Jones, Robert Nitchke, Kerry Hammon, Mason Handke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Hersh motioned to approve June's meeting minutes as written. Kerry Martin seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Greg Weitzel

- Now putting the finishing touches on the Five-Year Business Strategic Plan
- PJ is now working on a master plan for the Ice Arena.
- Parks and Recreation now managing mixed use area for Oppenheimer (Saving Center lot).
- Woodbury Springhill improvements are happening to the parking lot and walkway near the River Gardens.
- Broadway Monument sign has been installed. Landscaping to come.
- Recreation Today may be donating a playground to be installed at Community Park. Hoping to make it a community build at the IRPA event in October.
- Idaho Community Pathways donated a bike fix it station which will be installed on the east bank of the River walk this month. Greg formally thanks the group for this addition/donation.
- Freeman Park is undergoing lighting and electrical updates.
- Greater Idaho Falls Realtor Association are working on a grant to build a Kiosk on the east side of the River Walk across from the Rec Center.
- A map station will be installed on the River Walk in the future. More information to come.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Golf – Tim Reinke (absent)

- No Report

Zoo – David Pennock

- 28,266 zoo visits in Julye
- 1,600 attendees at first annual Chillin at the Zoo event.
- 280 attended Wines in the Wild.
- Directional signage is waiting on animal ID's.
- Snow leopard introduced

Recreation – PJ Holm

- Mason Handke Introduced.
- Movies in the Park well attended.
- Artisan Market will now require permits. RDA owns property.
- Working on content for Fall/Winter Guide.
- Received a second grant for Noise Park Trails.
- RFP going out for hut at Ice Arena for consistency.
- IRPA scheduling event updates.
- Aquatic and sports updates.

Parks/Cemeteries – Brent Martin

- Home owner's association at St. Claire Estates funded a playground purchase. City installed to specs. Future shelter in this area possible.
- Pumps are in at Becker Pond.
- Archery Park has been approved for water pump.
- Need Committee to advise about South Tourist Park camping issue. Will meet and discuss over winter and present to Council in the Spring.
- Banner updates.
- Rocky mountain School of Baseball Tournament report
- Event review
- Sandy Downs facility upgrades
- Cemetery updates

BONNEVILLE COUNTY – D. Radford (absent)

- No Report.

GOLF REPORT – Tom Hersh

- Stressed the importance of updating the irrigation systems.
- Pro Ams are very good PR for all the courses.
- Roughly \$25k in the black for the season.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 – Kerry Martin

- Thank you to Brent and Jody for help with field conversion.
- Fall sports start next week.
- Emotion Bowl now in mid September.
- Hosting 4A soccer tournament.
- Hosting Volleyball Tournament.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #93 – Mike Davis (absent)

- No Report

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Matt Hill

- No meeting held
- Watch spruce and pine for weevil and beetle damage – spray to prevent.
- Seeing a lot of boar damage.

MEETING ADJURNED AT 1:14 P.M.

*Recorded by
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