

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015**  
**ACTIVITY CENTER**  
**12:00 NOON**

**Present:**

Greg A. Weitzel, Brent Martin, P.J. Holm, Mike Jorde, Bill Combo, Jeff Forbes, Jim Hammon, Matt Hill, Steve Janes, Kerry Martin, Jill Kirkham, John LuBuono, Kris Millgate, Rebecca Casper, Tom Hally, David Smith

**Absent:**

Linda Beard, Mike Davis, Tom Hersh, Dave Radford

**Guest Attendees:**

Lisa Jones, Robert Nitchke, Kirk Green

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B. Combo made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting. Kerry Martin moved to accept as written. Matt Hill seconded. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- G. Weitzel briefed the group of the City Visual Identity project which Mayor Casper has asked that P&R oversee.
- Westside Trail project has gotten preliminary approval from ITD. We anticipate a start date in September of this year. This will include retaining walls, landscaping, path widening and pedestrian crossings at hotel row and will be administered under Public Works instead of ITD.
- Fire Department, Police Department and Melaleuca praised P&R for clearing the brush along the Greenbelt.
- Camping in the Parks Ordinance being drafted to present to Council for possible adoption. Will attach fines to people abusing the provision of only staying for one night.
- Request for Signage and Wayfinding bids went out. Only received one response and it was over budget. We are going back to market to hopefully get more competitive bids submitted.
- Tautphaus and Heritage Park Master Plan RFQ's are in. Will be evaluated and interviews scheduled in the coming few weeks.
- Suggested fee for Christmas Light display \$9 per car. Greg asked for input.
- River Gardens at Taylor's Crossing has won AIC's Parks and Recreation Award.
- Paperwork submitted for a Smart Growth Award.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Golf – Mike Jorde**

- Rounds of golf up about 15,000 due to good weather early on in the year.
- The Practice putting green at Sage Lakes will be closed to repair greens.
- The "First Tee" program starts this week at Sand Creek.
- State Amateur Tournament is this weekend at Pinecrest.
- Question of how to keep sunflower seed shells of putting greens due to bio hazard risk.

**Zoo – Greg Weitzel**

- Update of all animal births.
- Repair of a water line completed in the camel chute.

**Recreation – P.J. Holm**

- Movies in the Park maintaining high attendance – Facebook challenges are successful in spreading word of events.
- RFP out for Dasher Boards at the Ice Arena. Closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Aquatic Center June 8<sup>th</sup> summer schedule commenced. 600 kids in programs daily before noon. Revenue up about \$14k for the month of June and roughly \$35k for the year.
- Youth sports registration numbers review.

- Ice Arena – scheduling has begun for the upcoming season. More public skates have been added but with flexibility for tournaments. The Ordinance forming the Ice Arena Advisory Board has been disbanded by City Council.

**Parks/Cemeteries – Brent Martin**

- Cemetery updates given – A power buy out is in process which will put Idaho Falls power at Cemeteries instead of Rocky Mountain Power.
- Sod is completed at Taylor’s Crossing and it is greening up.
- 3 major projects were completed by volunteers at the first annual “Clean & Green” Day. Hoping for a larger turn out next year.

**BONNEVILLE COUNTY – D. Radford absent**

- No report.

**GOLF REPORT – Tom Hersh absent**

- No report.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 – Kerry Martin**

- Track resurfacing at Ravston is complete.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #93 – Mike Davis absent**

- No report.

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Matt Hill**

- No June meeting.

**MEETING ADJURNED AT 1:02 P.M.**

*Recorded by  
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