

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

**ACTIVITY CENTER**

**12:00 Noon**

### **ATTENDANCE**

In Attendance: B. Combo, C. Horsley, J. LoBuono, T. Reinke, T. Hersh, M. Hill, J. Forbes, K. Hope, K. Martin, J. Hammon, L. Beard, K. Millgate, B. Martin, R. Campbell, G. Weitzel, B. Lee

Members not in attendance: D. Radford, W. Johnson, P. Holm, D. Pennock

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

K. Martin Motioned to approve the April 2018 minutes. All in favor.

### **Director's Report – G. Weitzel**

- G. Weitzel reported on the following:
- Brandon Lee was introduced as a new commissioner for the board.
- The Zoo Education Center bids opened up last week. The low bid was \$910,000.00. Construction will begin June 1, 2018.
- A donation from the Maeck Foundation was announced, as well as a reminder of the May 10<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking event.
- The City Council approved a new park property donation located at 1660 12<sup>th</sup> street.
- Parks & Recreation has been working with the LDS Church and School District 91 to purchase a property on Dunbar Street.
- Ordinance revisions.
- Heritage Park's progress was updated.
- The Eastside Greenbelt Pathway Project is underway and should be done in the next six to eight weeks.
- The Pinecrest Trail project along Elva, Yellowstone, and Holmes was discussed.
- The Sandy Downs Master Plan and our new contract with Keffer/Overton Associates.
- The award of two \$500,000 grants from ITD toward building the Idaho Master Canal Pathway Project.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Zoo – D. Pennock – Absent (Reported by L. Beard)**

- The Groundbreaking event for the Maeck Education Center on Thursday, May 10th.
- The Zoo opened for the season on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

- The entrance stats for the month of April, 2018 are just shy of record breaking.

### **Recreation Center – P.J. Holm (Absent – Reported by C. Horsley)**

C. Horsley reported on the following:

- The annual Gem & Mineral show was hosted by Parks & Recreation at the Recreation Center in early April with a large turnout.
- Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with Grit Kid held an obstacle course at the Earth Day Celebration in Tautphaus Park.

### **Parks/Cemeteries – B. Martin**

B. Martin Reported on the following:

For Parks Maintenance:

- Installed new outfield fence on the Freeman Park Babe Ruth Field.
- Removed old Play-Matta playground surface at Bel-Aire Park.
- Removed perimeter fence at Pinecrest Golf Course.
- Facilitated the Heritage Park groundbreaking event.
- Removed fence at Vissing Circle, as part of the pathway project.
- Prepped all the baseball and soccer fields.
- Started the fertilizer and turf revitalization project at the Old Butte Soccer Complex.
- Removed and installed over one hundred banners.
- Started the moving and trimming at all of the city parks.
- Turned on park water systems and repaired freeze breaks throughout the city.
- Reported on the general maintenance of Sandy Downs and Noise Park.

For Horticulture

- The topiaries were planted.
- The Arbor Day event was organized and held.
- Service projects for young adult groups and the Rotary Club.
- Seeded 18,000 seeds and ordered the perennials.
- Tree removals and cleanup of trees after wind damage.

B. Martin also reported on cemetery burials, disinterments, and general maintenance of headstones, trees, etc.

### **Golf – T. Reinke**

T. Reinke reported on the following:

- The beginning of the golf season and golf sales thus far.
- Working with I.E. Productions on marketing for the golf shop and special events.
- The successful Papa Toms Golf Tournament.

**Bonneville County – D. Radford (Absent – No Report)**

**School District 91 – K. Martin**

K. Martin reported on the following:

- District tournaments starting.
- Softball, baseball, track, tennis all beginning.
- School District 91 will be hosting three state 4A tournaments.

**School District 93 – W. Williams (Absent – No Report)**

**Shade Tree Committee – M. Hill**

Matt Reported on the following:

- The Shade Tree meeting and the ordinance change on tree clearance that was sent to Council.

**Call for Agenda Items**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:52**

Next meeting will be held June 4, 2018.

*Recorded by:  
Tracy Sessions, Clerk, Parks & Recreation*