

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Monday, June 4, 2018**

**ACTIVITY CENTER**

**12:00 Noon**

### **ATTENDANCE**

In Attendance: G. Weitzel, D. Pennock, B. Lee, T. Hersh, J. Forbes, P. Lloyd, K. Hope, M. Hill, J. Hammon, B. Martin, R. Campbell, P. Holm, B. Combo

Members not in attendance: K. Millgate, J. LoBuono, D. Radford, W. Johnson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B. Lee motioned to approve the April 2018 minutes. M. Hill seconded. All in favor.

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

G. Weitzel reported on the following:

- The major budget requests by each division, including a new fleet for Sage Lakes Golf Course.
- The accreditation for the zoo that occurs every five years. D. Pennock then explained to the board the expenses entailed in preparations for accreditation.
- The capital improvement requests such as: a rock garden restroom, Funland acquisition, purchase of water rights from Walker Farms, Tautphaus road redesign and repair, bleacher modifications, the pathway near Pinecrest, Skyline tennis courts, a new spray park, the Idaho Canal Trail project design, deck replacement at Sportsman's Park, Heritage Park electric line relocation, etc.
- The Reinhart Park pool demo by Rhodehouse Construction being planned.
- The playground community build event scheduled at Freeman Park on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Multiple ordinance amendments that will be taken care of.
- Purchase of property on Dunbar from the LDS Church to use as a mid-size ball field.
- The Groberg pocket park deed transfer.
- The zoo construction beginning the second week of June.
- The Heritage Park Development project and some inconsistency with delivery of materials that is being remedied.
- The East Side Greenbelt Pathway Project update.
- Greg will be speaking at the National Conference on signage and wayfinding. He was also elected to the National Parks and Recreation Board of Directors.
- The Idaho Irrigation District presentation.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Zoo – D. Pennock**

D. Pennock reported on the following:

- The new Golden Lion Tamarins at the zoo.
- The new Maeck Education Center and the groundbreaking event.
- Making the zoo gift shop ADA compliant.
- The “Dream Night” zoo event for terminal children.
- The near record attendance of zoo visitors in May.
- The zoo hosted 110 field trips for 6041 people.
- The exploration stations at the zoo.
- The second annual Stem Day had 1500 attendees.
- Migratory and Endangered Species Day at the zoo.
- The amount of animal exchanges our zoo participates in and the benefits of these exchanges.

### **Recreation Center – P.J. Holm**

P. Holm reported on the following:

- The Recreation Department budget has been finalized.
- Special events, including the Farmer’s Market, Cinco De Mayo, etc.
- The Ryder Park bike trails being built.
- The “Bike Month” opening social and the Mayor’s ride.
- The Fourth of July fireworks.
- The float that our department will have in the parade this year.
- The Innovative Therapeutic Riding Program that we are assisting.
- The Recreation Center and Aquatic Center monthly report numbers.
- The first “Movie in the Park” event that starts the second Friday in June.

### **Parks/Cemeteries – B. Martin**

B. Martin Reported on the following:

For Horticulture:

- The spring preparations in the flower beds.
- The City’s new plan for “smart scaping” called Xeriscaping.
- The volunteer event with the Rotary Club where they planted 600 new perennials at Taylor’s Crossing.
- The Arbor Day Celebration.

- They have planted 185 trees.
- The continued work on the topiary animals.

For Parks Maintenance:

- They are working on the large dog section of the dog park, including grass, the concrete entrance, etc.
- They finished restoring the pump house water tower at the D St. underpass and Yellowstone.
- Field prep: line painting and harrowing for baseball, softball, and soccer.
- The labor expended thus far for special events such as hauling tables and bleachers.
- The installation of new bulletin boards in various locations.
- They installed new siding at Old Butte and Freeman.
- They installed and removed over 150 banners.
- They removed fence panels at Vissing Circle and for the East Bank pathway paving project.
- Welded Sandy Downs hand rails and parts on the water truck at Noise Park.

For Cemetery:

- The report on burials and cremations.
- The repair of the water lines.
- They sodded 112 graves, fixed 10 headstones, and hauled 52 loads of gravel.
- Removed four trees and bushes.

#### **Golf – T. Reinke (absent) Report by T. Hersh**

T. Hersh reported on the following:

- He advised that we are about \$40,000 behind in revenue compared to this time last year, but since we were \$120,000 behind after March we have made up much ground.
- The Dixie's Diner Tournament that was held at Pinecrest, and upcoming tournaments.
- Pro shop sales and the marketing campaign with I.E. Productions.
- Family Day which will be held June 9th at Pinecrest.
- Still waiting to find out if we get the funding for the sprinkler system at Pinecrest.
- Golf fee increases.

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

#### **School District 91 – P. Lloyd**

P. Lloyd reported on the following:

- The fall practice schedules have been coordinated with the Recreation Center staff.

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

**Shade Tree Committee – M. Hill**

Matt Reported on the following:

- The Arbor Day event was a success and he thanked Dixie's Diner for feeding the kids that attended.
- The tree farm at Old Butte Park.
- He advised that Wayne Jones is interested in being reappointed to the Shade Tree Committee.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:52**

**Next meeting will be held July 2, 2018.**

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