



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2019
ACTIVITY CENTER
12:00 Noon

Members in Attendance: B. Combo, C. White, T. Reinke, W. Johnson, P. Lloyd, D. Radford, J. Hammon, M. Hill, C. Horsley, R. Campbell, J. Forbes, P. Holm

Members Not In Attendance: B. Lee, K. Hope, T. Hersh, J. LoBuono

CALL TO ORDER – B. COMBO

B. Combo called the meeting to order at 12:01.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

W. Johnson motioned to approve the October 7th minutes. C. White seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Holm

P. Holm reported on the following:

- An upcoming phone meeting will be scheduled with Pro's Consulting and the Commissioners to discuss the vision and funding options of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Future budget concerns that are daunting considering the systematic failure of Parks and Recreation maintenance structures and facilities.
- The purchase of Funland by Parks and Recreation that includes the name, the Octopus, and the Ferris wheel. He discussed the asbestos problem in the huts on the property. He advised the plan is to have Funland incorporated into a part of the zoo.
- The purchase of the 4H building has been finalized.
- The Splash Pad RFQ's will open by the fiscal calendar year and they hope to begin construction at Reinhart Park by June or July.
- TAP Grants were discussed including projects on the Pancheri Bridge, the Meppen Canal Trail Project and the Yellowstone Highway Project.
- The golf irrigation problem and the intent to apply for a loan from the Idaho Water Resource Board.
- The War Bonnet awards and the date changes for 2020.
- The Boo at the Zoo numbers this year were the second largest ever.

- The E-Scooter Ordinance change.

There was board discussion on priorities going forward. The following items were suggested:

1. They would like to hear from Pro's Consulting regarding finance options specific to our state. They would also like the input from all the user groups the Commission has heard from incorporated into the final report.
2. The board would like someone from the Idaho Falls Legal Department and or Finance Department to discuss funding options.
3. The board would like to know more about the budget process for the Parks and Recreation Department and City.
4. Details on the Joint Use Agreement with the school districts.
5. The economic impact of hosting state events such as state wrestling tournaments, softball tournaments, etc.
6. Our user fees, and if we need to consider changes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Next meeting will be held January 6, 2020.

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