

North End Recreation District

May 1, 2023

Present:

President: Adam French

Director: Kim Bateman

Board Member: Karie Winder

Board Member: Andy Cooper

Board Member: Debi Wilson

Board Member: Brian Sargent

Bracken Abrams was out of town

Jacqueline Wittwer with Shelley Supporters of the Arts was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 pm

Andy Cooper voted to accept the minutes from April, Debi Wilson Seconded, Minutes Approved by all that were present.

Adam turned the time over to Jacqueline Wittwer.

Jacqueline is a member of the Shelley Supporters of the Arts and brought a project idea before the board. They are starting a \$14 million project that will begin at Centennial Park, then moving on to Curtis Brinkman Park, and finishing at North Bingham County Park. This project will include installation of art throughout all parks. As part of this project they are needing to secure land at the North Bingham County Park to install an all access playground. In order for them to get a grant from the Murdoch Foundation they need to have a 99 year lease to be considered for grant money from the foundation. The cost of the access park is estimated to be around \$7 million dollars.

Andy Cooper pulled up the NBC park on google maps and the group discussed what area of land they were interested in building on. It is the weedy area just east of the arena. It was agreed that this would be a good location for the park. The park would be built on a cement foundation that if ever needed to be moved would be a possibility.

Jacquelin let the group know that she is willing to look up and help with grant writing.

Mikel Anderson was on the agenda to come talk about contact information he had received at a meeting he had attended where other Recreation Districts representatives were also in attendance. Mikel was unable to attend due to the startup of the City soccer league.

Adam brought up that the City of Shelley has \$8,500.00 that they are willing to put towards upgrading tennis courts at Curtis Brinkman Park. The city crew will rip out the two existing courts and prep the ground for 4 new tennis courts. Karie mentioned that Hailey Hill, a community member trying to get a tennis program at the High School, received a quote from Richardson concrete. The original bid came in at \$105,000.00. After further discussion with John Richardson it was determined that there was some miscommunication. He had only bid for 2 tennis courts, not 4. The two came to an agreement that he could do 4 tennis courts for \$125,000.00. The group discussed what the specs would look like, what kind of pour this would be and what the top layer would be. Brian would like to get some price comparisons on the

concrete as that bid seems high. The work on the tennis courts could begin as early as September. Karie reached out to Dallin Jolley with Protech Fence and is working on getting a bid on enclosing the courts with black coated chain link. The group discussed the options of lights and securing the courts with a locked gate so kids from the skatepark would not be able to get in and damage courts. Signs would be posted stating no skateboards, scooters or bikes allowed. The city would like to also include pickleball courts with these tennis courts.

The board decided that they would like to table this and discuss it at the June board meeting. They would like to see a more solid cost breakdown.

Debi finalized paperwork needed for the Articles of Incorporation and had board members sign the form. She will catch up with Bracken when he is back in town. Adam is donating the \$50 needed to file this paperwork.

Karie brought up the challenge of pet tracings left on the grass along the walkway. She suggested that more garbage cans with plastic bags be added along the walkway. There is a bundle deal to buy these cans for \$1000.00. It was unsure how many cans came with the bundle.

Brian talked about what he had looked into about extending the walking path. The challenge is that there is not enough space to extend the path along the south side of the pond. If that pond is considered part of the river the extension would be very costly. It was suggested that a better option might be to build an overpass or a tunnel under the road to connect to the NBC. The group agreed that these were both better options and worth exploring. Art could be added to the overpass and would help aid in funding through potential grants. Going under the roadway would be more accessible for ADA and could also be a good option for additional grant options.

Adam discussed that Basic American Foods is not willing to let the building go as of now.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm