

Boundary County Parks and Rec

Meeting Minutes

08/12/2024

Attending: Rob Tompkins, Kayla Riek, Sarah Skinner, Tess Rae, Brandon Glaza.

Meeting called to order at 701 p.m.

Employees: Kylie and Gordon

Guests:

- Kim Kees w/9B Pickleball: Kim was just checking in with us. She reported that the pickleball camp was a hit for the approximately 13 kids who participated. We think there would be more participating if we get the word out earlier next year. She is continuing to learn about the ins and outs of grant applications and is getting as prepared as she can. She is currently working on an opportunity with the city of Moyie Springs but hopes to work with us as well for trying to get some pickleball courts on the county parks.

Previous Minutes: BG motions to approve last month's meeting minutes. The motion is seconded and approved. Kylie has been posting our approved minutes to the PR website.

Maintenance Report: Gordon is looking for soccer goal parts since some are broken. Rob suggested north Idaho welding to fabricate parts if none can be found. Gordon has stained and painted some fences at Riverside park. He brought some benches and picnic tables over as well. It sounds like we may be acquiring some unskilled labor to help Gordon (inmates, former commissioners, etc.) which is great news. Gordon provided the BOD with a wish-list of items to purchase if possible. Thanks Gordon!

Concession Stand Report: Kayla gave a brief report on behalf of Kona. Seems like everything is going OK and things are smoothing out. More purchases are being made locally and prices have been adjusted accordingly. It sounds like the grill cover (to comply w/food safety requirements) was completed and paid for (approx. \$500) and needs to be picked up, but this means more food options should be available for soccer season and increased sales as well. We reviewed expense reports, where we saw the expected deficit of several thousand dollars, but did also see several deposits recently. This expense/revenue gap should be reduced by sales thru the soccer season because the stand is now nearly fully stocked with the necessary products and materials.

Sports Director: Kylie hasn't heard from Olivia re: the bike camp, so that will likely be next year. Brandon did ask the question about the ICRMP coverage for the bike camp that would be a county program conducted on property owned by others. ICRMP said that we will need to have a waiver for each participant to sign and the typical safety gear (i.e. helmets) used, but we should be covered as normal, and can proceed with the bike camp as a parks and rec program.

Soccer fields will be painted on the 19th and 20th, and it sounds like she may have some volunteers lined up. We briefly reviewed some trigonometric theorems and principles. Soccer still has over 300 kids registered so far, but is down a couple dozen kids from last year, possibly because of the later season we switched to.

Kylie reported that the fair board wants to test drive our water cannon to see how it works in the arena, they can coordinate with Gordon to try it out. There were numerous other logistics and such reported and discussed, but overall Kylie said things are going well. Thanks Kylie!

Treasurer's Report: Kayla provided June and July expense reports. All looks reasonable and on track. She also provided some great annual expense reports from 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 which were really helpful for comparisons, year to year. We have been spending approximately \$9000/year on portapotty rentals, which we all agreed was crappy. We all look forward to beginning construction on the new bathroom next spring. We should be ready to prepare for any end-of-year purchasing, but it doesn't look like there will be much extra budget to work with. If we can do some purchases, there is a need to continue buying new garbage cans to eventually replace the old barrels.

Old Business

Ice Rink: Nothing.

Skate Park: Sarah presented the draft plans, graphics, and drawings of the new skate park. It looks awesome. There has been some feedback from the skating community, such as more 'street skating' features, such as rails and such that will be incorporated into the design. The recent event with the pro skaters had a moderate turnout, but it happened to be on a really hot day. Overall, things are going as planned.

Tennis Court Repairs: Sharon sent a message via Kim today inquiring whether we have received an invoice from the recent court repairs. We have not received anything. Kim will pass on the message to Sharon. Rob said he will deliver it to the courthouse when he gets it.

Memorial Park Bathroom: Its still coming together. Rob has received numerous commitments from builders and tradesmen who are willing to donate their time. We plan to begin construction spring of 2025.

Riverside Park: We had discussions about plans for the park property, which now includes the additional 5 acres purchased this year. We still need a 'comprehensive plan' for how the property may be developed over the years. We would like to develop a plan that is our best ideas, then present to commissioners, and the public to solicit comments, etc. We reviewed some preliminary drawing of where parking, roads and other developments may fit. We will need to have the new parcel surveyed if it has not yet been so we know exactly where the corners are, especially along the residential property on the east side. Some potential ideas of what could go at the park could be, but are not limited to; playground, boat launch, expanded trail network, pickleball courts, basketball courts, parking areas, covered picnic areas, etc. We discussed that lowering the dike and using the fill in other low areas would be a nice option to explore. We may have something to move forward this winter sometime.

We had a lengthy discussion regarding camping on the parks, Riverside and Memorial. We are of the general opinion that camping is not something we wish to support for the future plans of the parks. It is a complicated to understand what camping is permitted or not, some of which is not clear from the ordinances, and general information the is provided to the public from the different county entities. There are a variety of other challenges to allowing camping, such as a lack of proper infrastructure necessary to accommodate this type of use, parking issues, conflicts with park users/campers, parking area congestion, abuse of the free camping, enforcement challenges, etc. Tess has researched the subject extensively and has

supporting documentation that can be used to provide insight into a decision. TR motions to make a recommendation to the county commissioners to make Riverside and Memorial parks day-use only, with the exception of parks and rec sanctioned events. The motion was seconded by SS, and the motion carried unanimously.

Tree Maintenance: No update.

Well: Still need to build a pumphouse at the new well. We will see if we can purchase building materials next month. Rob will donate his time to build it.

New Business

Rental agreement update: We provided some edits to a draft rental agreement for our park facilities. We had numerous discussions regarding what are appropriate fees for residents vs. non residents, commercial rentals vs non-profit events that are open to the community, etc. We will review our previous damage deposit policy to see if we can reestablish that. There are concerns about the combo lock being frequently lost during rentals and at \$25 each for replacement cost, we want to pass that cost onto the folks who lose it. We will revisit this next meeting.

Sarah motions to adjourn @ 922 pm. The motion is seconded and approved. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Glaza