

CITY OF MAYER
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday December 2, 2014

Commission Members Present: Council Liaison Etienne Stieve-McPadden, Commission Members Elizabeth Butterfield, Nate McNeilly, Chad Bloom and Krista Goedel.

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

Staff Present: Luayn Ruch-Hammond, City Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Stieve-McPadden.

II. ADOPT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Butterfield and seconded by Commissioner Goedel to approve the agenda with one addition Playground Equipment. Motion carried 5/0.

III. MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Commissioner Butterfield to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

BUSINESS

Lighting for Skating Rink

Park board reviewed the string lighting and decided it would be more appropriate to place two flood lights on the warming house. On a motion by Commissioner Bloom and seconded by Commissioner Butterfield to authorize staff to have two lights installed at a not to exceed amount of \$3,000. Motion carried 5/0.

Handicapped Restroom Discussion

Park Board had asked staff to get quotes on handicapped restrooms for the parks. Staff checked with Mini Biff who provides portable toilet services to the City about the extra expense for Handicapped mini biffs.

The sizes of the handicapped biff are as follows with the prices:

Size	Biff Fee	Damage Waiver Fee	Fuel Surcharge	Monthly Fee
7 x7	\$164.80	\$16.00	\$2.75	\$183.55
Smaller 6 x6 Non ADA	\$133.90	\$16.00	\$2.75	\$152.65
Current Size	\$82.81	\$8.77	\$2.75	\$94.33

Park Board will explore in the spring when the new playground equipment is being installed. Staff informed Park Board that the area that is fenced off at West Ridge Park is too small for a handicapped biff.

Grant for Parks

Staff presented the following charts on grants for parks. Commissioner Butterfield found three other grant opportunities. They are Christopher Reeves Foundation, CVS Caremark and Peery Foundation. Staff will explore the options further. Commissioner Stieve-McPadden would like to explore the Outdoor Recreation Grant for possibly funding of park amenities.

Grant	Purpose	Eligible	Level of Assistance	Matching Grant	Deadline
Federal Rec Trail Program	For Non motorized trails	Counties, Cities and townships	Reimbursed up to 75%	Cash 25%	2014
Local Trail Connection Program	Development of trails	Counties, Cities and townships	Reimbursed up to 75%	Cash 25%	Early Jan 2015
National Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership	Reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation areas				No longer available
Outdoor Recreation Grant	Increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities.	Counties, Cities, townships and Indian Tribes	Up to 50% match Maximum grant is \$100,000	50% match can be cash or in kind	March 2015
Parks and Trails Legacy Grant		Ineligible	Only Available outside of the 7 County Metro Area		
Public Parks and Rec Archery Range Development		Ineligible	Only Available outside of the 7 County Metro Area		
Regional Park Grant		Ineligible	Only Available outside of the 7 County Metro Area		
Regional Trail Grant		Ineligible	Only Available outside of the 7 County Metro Area		
Expedited Small Trap Range		Local Shooting Clubs			
State Park Road Account	Right of Way Acquisition				

Garbage Cans for Parks

Staff is requesting Park Board input on the installation of more garbage cans in the parks. Park Board would like to know how many, where in the parks and the cost. Staff will present at the January meeting.

Request to Clear Dakota Trail

Park Board had asked Staff to contact the Regional Rail Authority about the possibility of clearing the trail. Discussion about the limited area for a plow person to turn around. After further discussion Park Board decided that it was not worth doing a small portion.

Playground Equipment

Commissioner Butterfield had solicited Mount Olivet on what types of playground equipment they would like to see installed in West Ridge Park. The following are the items that they thought would be of value to their residents: Crazy Boom, Roller Slide, Visual Sensory Panel, Developmental Climbers, Sway Fun Glider and the Zip Kruse. Staff will send the items to the Landscape Structure staff and have them see if they will fit in the park and have them bring prices to the next Park Board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Stieve-McPadden stated that she thought the City Council wanted to meet with the Park Board. Park Board would meet with the Council at their March 23, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Goedel requested Staff to compile a calendar with all of the activities that the Park Board is involved in before the meeting with the Council.

Commissioner Goedel also asked if the nets were removed on the Soccer Goals. She would like the Mayer Moxie added to the January agenda so advertising can be discussed. Commissioner Goedel inquired about how staff tracks meeting attendance.

Staff Report None

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Bloom and seconded Commissioner McNeilly to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried 5/0.