



Pinedale Park & Tree Board Minutes (2/10/14)

Present: Margret Noble, Pam Curry, Valerie Werbelow and Tim Lingle

Absent: Barb Pfaff

Also Attending: Eugene Ninnie, Dave Hohl, Josh Wilson, Rich Rohrer and John Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved (Valerie Werbelow moved and Tim Lingle seconded, passed unanimously).

Eugene Ninnie, the Town Engineer, reported that progress on the bathroom design had been slow due to the activities in his office. He plans to finish the plans and pay for a cost estimate from a local contractor. The discussion centered upon taking the request to Council for approval, and it was agreed that it was not necessary to bring the proposal back to Board. Concern about the timely completion of the bathroom project in Boyd Skinner Park prompted the desire to take it to Town Council. Dave Hohl, a Council Member, assured the Board that the money for the project was already in this year's budget and it could be carried forward into the 2014-15 budget. Eugene said he wanted to bring the proposal back to the Board and then to Council.

Dave Hohl updated the Board on recent meetings with Trout Unlimited, and the decision to move forward with preparing a grant proposal designed to seek funding from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust for a Pine Creek Corridor planning grant. Dave reported he would be writing the grant proposal and that the Town planned to provide the necessary matching funds. Once the plan was completed, they anticipate that Trout Unlimited will have a number of projects it can complete over the next several years.

Dave Hohl, as a council member, is also interested in preparing a ball-field improvement project that would include completing a number of needed improvements. He plans to pull together a group of people interested in the improvements and requested a Park & Tree Board member be a part of that planning process. His plan is to include Public Works, the Town Engineer, Park & Tree as well as people from the user groups. Once the plan is prepared, it will be taken to Council for approval. During the discussions, options about bathroom improvements were discussed.

Town staff then provided updates to the Board. John Anderson, the Park and Tree Board liason to the Town provided the following information;

1. Recently, the Pinedale Aquatic Center (PAC) has approached the Town about collaborating with them on two recreation projects. One is working on the Great American Backyard Campout on June 28, 2014. Park & Tree supported the effort

but wanted to insure that the event be held, for the most part, outside of American Legion Park due to conflicts with the covenants. The area that was recently purchased from the Burzlander family in Boyd Skinner Park was suggested as a good place to hold the event.

2. Tim Lingle brought up community cleanup day and the board suggested that the Town seek partners to hold the event, and to especially look to find a community organization to lead organizing the event. It was suggested that it works best if the organization is a 501c(3), because that allows companies to donate funds to the effort. Sage n' Snow, the newly formed Community Initiative Group, and Main Street were suggested as non-profit organizations that could head-up the effort and the Town would then be able to lend basic on-the-ground support (logistical mostly). Because of recent cold weather during the past events in May, June was suggested as a possible time to hold the community cleanup event.
3. Anderson also informed the Board that Doug Strike had quoted a price of about \$12,500 for the completion of the middle section of the Burzlander Creekside Pathway and the construction of a foot bridge over the intermittent stream bed in the middle section of the path. The Board agreed (without a vote) to request that Council approve moving forward with that project soon.
4. Anderson also informed the Board that two of the three trail monitors borrowed from the BLM had been destroyed by vandals. The remaining monitor has been taken down in order to avoid further vandalism. Anderson asked the Board if they wanted to continue using the monitors and discussion followed. The relative merits of using monitors was discussed. Pam Curry moved, Valerie Werbelow seconded, that we discontinue use of the monitors. The motion passed 2-1.
5. Anderson reported back on his investigation into a Picnic Pavilion to be constructed in one of the parks (mostly likely American Legion Park). He passed around images and the Board discussed the size, features and design structure. They agreed the design was close to what they wanted but that more discussion was needed. It was decided that during the next meeting the Board would visit American Legion Park to measure and discuss possible placement of the shelter. The town staff will bring measuring tapes and maps of that area of the park. After that, the ideas will be turned over to the Town Engineer so he can design a structure. Also, the staff will work to put funding for the structure into the upcoming annual budget.

Rich Rohrer, who is responsible for the parks and a member of the Public Works staff presented his monthly report. Rohrer reported he had been on light duty due to a serious should injury and had not been in the parks much, but that he had started work on planning for the upcoming year. The Board approved of the plans he had formed. Rohr then reported;

1. The outdoor ice rink was mostly ready for use. Margret raised a concern about plowing the snow off the ice and Josh Wilson, Public Works, responded they planned to do that. Tim Lingle thought that Public Works might put snow shovels and brooms out each day for people to use (and then pick up the implements each evening). It was reported the rink had not been used much but there is still enough time for it to be used. Public Works plans to count users whenever an employee drives by the park where the rink is located.
2. Rich Rohrer also reported that people were using dog pots extensively. Tim Lingle asked if there were more pots that could be placed in various locations

- around Boyd Skinner Park. Tim Lingle was very interested in Public Works being prepared to include items for the parks in the upcoming budget.
3. Rohrer also reported that the department had been busy plowing pathways in the parks.

After staff presentations, the Board began to deliberate about its role viz-a-viz the newly completed Recreation Master Plan. After some debate, the Board decided to table the discussion. Before that action was taken, John Anderson presented the "Executive Summary" from the plan and suggested that for the most part there was considerable agreement between most elements in the plan and the Board's priorities. He also said the plan did not lock the Town into anything but that it could be used by the Board to support the action items it supports.

Next, the Board had a discussion about developing a park history document that included a list of memorial trees planted throughout the town. Both documents would be helpful to future Boards and the Town Council. Tim Lingle provided an example of the usefulness of the documents by explaining how the current effort to place a pronghorn bronze in Centennial Park ran into a snag when it was discovered that moving one tree within the park was a problem because it was given in memory of a loved one. Generally, the board agreed to move forward with preparing a more authoritative history and memorial tree list. Margret Noble volunteered to work with Miriam Carlson and Barb Pfaff to begin to improve the current park history document and provide a list of memorial trees. Anderson said he would also work to gather information.

Following the discussion on the park history and memorial tree list, the Board members discussed moving the tree in Centennial Park. Margret thought it was okay and Tim Lingle thought we should consider the importance of something donated to the Town at an earlier time.

At last, the Board discussed the location and date of this year's Arbor Day tree planting and celebration. Tim suggested planting more trees at the Creekside Grove, Trails Creek or in Boyd Skinner Park on South Tyler Street. It was also mentioned by Margret that trees could be planted at Split Diamond Park. Another possible location was the Dudley Key Ballfields but the Board thought that might be included in the expansion project Dave Hohl was preparing. Tim then moved to plant the trees in Boyd Skinner by Tyler Street but it failed because of the lack of a second. The Board decided to postpone that decision. Anderson suggested the Board might give a list of options to the elementary students and let them make the decision.

There were no formal action items and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.