



Pinedale Park & Tree Board Minutes (4/8/14)

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

Absent: None

Also Attending: Rich Rohrer and John Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The minutes of the past meeting were accepted on a 5-0 vote, after a minor change (Lingle moved, Pfaff seconded). The change was proposed by Tim Lingle and it simply replaced 4" caliper Poplar trees in the Arbor Day bid specifications to 2 ½ inch caliper Poplar trees.

The meeting began with citizen concerns. There were no citizens attending the meeting but Board members brought a few concerns from citizens to the attend of the Board. Valerie Werbelow told the Board that she had heard citizens wished to have adult fitness equipment added to the parks. Pam Curry suggested that there is a need to place benches near the playground equipment at Trails Creek Park so adults can use them while watching their children. The health of Spruce trees in the Town's bulb-outs was also a topic of discussion and the Board agreed that the Parks Department should look to move those trees to better locations or to provide treatment if that is possible. This led to a discussion of the budget and the need to do tree replacements, including the Neeley tree that was vandalized in Boyd Skinner Park. The Board agreed to work on a tree replacement policy in the future. Finally, the Board was apprized of the fact that the Council would be looking at replacing the Spruce trees in Split Diamond Park.

Next, the Board discussed plans for the upcoming Arbor Day event. In general, the Board agreed to the following;

1. The date would be set by the 3rd Grade elementary school teachers so that it would fit their schedules.
2. The Mayor would give a small speech and proclaim it Arbor Day.
3. The State Forester's representative would also give a short talk and present the Town with its Tree City U.S.A. flag.
4. It would be a program centered on the students.
5. The Town would advertise the event and include an invitation to citizens to donate trees.

The next topic of discussion was completion and printing of a Park History. The Board approved of the work done on the history by Tim Lingle. The Board also discussed the need to establish a list of memorial trees and that it should be added to the History once it was ready. The publication of the history was discussed and there was general agreement that about 40 histories should be printed and that it should be available on the Town's new website. Valerie Werbelow moved to have Sue Sommers format the publication and Tim

Lingle seconded that motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Playground equipment was the next topic of conversation. The board reviewed a catalog brought to it by board member Lingle. The discussion centered upon the topic of having design uniformity that fit with the character of Pinedale, and the discussion included possible locations for the equipment. The south end of Boyd Skinner Park was mentioned as possibly one of the best locations for new playground equipment. The discussion about playground equipment concluded with more conversation about providing benches for adults at the Trails Creek Park near the playground equipment there. The Park and Recreation Supervisor, Rich Rohrer, told the Board he would check on the availability of benches at the May meeting of the Board.

The staff reports followed;

1. Rich Rohrer (Parks)
 - a. A draft of the Annual Work Plan was presented.
 - b. The need to enforce the leash law and do a better job preventing park users from letting their dogs run loose was discussed. The discussion also led to the need to place more doggie poop stations in the parks, especially Boyd Skinner Park. Barb Pfaff moved that the Town more actively enforce the leash laws and Pam Curry seconded that motion. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.
 - c. The Board agreed to address the need for more doggie poop stations at the next Board meeting
2. John Anderson
 - a. The construction of a covered picnic shelter in American Legion Park was discussed and Anderson reported that it could be included in the 2015-16 budget once designs by John Carney were completed.
 - b. The Parks & Recreation Supervisor position was discussed and the Board expressed approval of creating that position.
 - c. Pathway connectivity, a topic supported by the Recreation Master Plan, was discussed. In particular, the creation of a pathway along West Washington Street was addressed. The pros and cons of the pathway along the street were debated, and Tim Lingle moved to establish the pathway. Barb Pfaff seconded the motion and it passed by a 2-1 vote. The Board asked John Anderson to take the idea to Town Council for its approval.

Under "other business," Rich Rohrer reported that the construction of a water line to the Agate Street entrance to Boyd Skinner Park would cost between \$39,000 to \$55,550 (according to the respective quotes provided by WLC Engineering and Rio Verde Engineering).

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Action Items:

1. Request Council approval for moving forward with planning (including cost estimates) for the creation of a pathway on West Washington Street). The proposed path would extend from where the current path ends at the intersection of Shanley and Quartz to the end of West Washington Street.