



## **Pinedale Park & Tree Board Minutes (5/13/14)**

**Present:** Margret Noble, Pam Curry, and Barb Pfaff

**Absent:** Tim Lingle and Valerie Werbelow

**Also Attending:** Rich Rohrer and John Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Pam Curry read the Minutes from the April meeting and they were approved on a 3-0 vote (Pfaff moved, Curry seconded).

There were no citizen concerns.

The first item of business concerned the possible construction of a fence along the northern border of Boyd Skinner Park (adjacent landowners are Kunnard, Aldrich, Faler, Murdock and the Pinedale Children's Center). The need to provide fencing along town's property line was discussed and Pam Curry moved that the Park and Recreation request \$10,000 for fence construction at that location in their 2014-15 budget. Barb Pfaff seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Rich Rohrer will add the request.

Next, the Board discussed the placement of benches at Split Diamond Park. Rich Rohrer reported that he had two benches that were in good shape and one that is in need of some repairs. The Board agreed that the two benches should be put in Split Diamond and that Parks and Recreation work to fix the one that needs repair and place it in the park when it is fixed. Pam Curry agreed to help Rich Rohrer, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, to find suitable placements for the benches.

Margret Noble reported that John Carney had not been able to get started on designing the plans for a covered picnic shelter, but he plans to make a trip to Pinedale to view the area and begin on the work. John Anderson reported that Council had given approval to spend an amount not to exceed \$2,000, and that the project itself could be added to the 2015-16 budget.

Barb Pfaff reported that she talked to Council Members Kunnard and Murdock about attending the next Park and Tree Board meeting and that they were both interested in doing that. It was decided that Margret would make that invitation in June.

The staff reports followed;

1. Rich Rohrer (Parks)
  - a. Rohrer passed out his update of activities along with handouts he had received while attending a tree school. He also provided the Board with playground equipment catalogs. While discussing playground equipment, Rich Rohrer reported on his work to repair the slide at Boyd Skinner park.

- Once the necessary replacement part is delivered, he will finish that work.
- b. Margret Noble inquired about the repair of the American Legion Park sign and it was decided that had been completed by Public Works personnel.
  - c. He also reported that he will place a dog pot at the south end of Harmony Bridge.
  - d. Rohrer also reported he had completed the following;
    - i. Dog pots cleaned
    - ii. Rocks placed at park entrances and the ball fields
    - iii. Arbor Day was done and 5 trees were planted at the Agate Street entrance to Boyd Skinner Park.
    - iv. He and John Mivshek will meet with the Little League president and they plan to re-key all of the doors at the Dudley Key Fields.
    - v. He provided Doug Strike with boulders that were placed as protection for the new foot-bridge on the Burzlander Creekside Pathway.
    - vi. Parks and Recreation had removed a dead tree that fell on a fence along the Kay Buston property on West Pine Street.
    - vii. Installed backflow preventer at the Legion Park.
    - viii. Rohrer had been working on the park budget.
    - ix. Also, they had serviced parks equipment in preparation for the season.
    - x. An order of fertilizer was completed and application will begin soon.
    - xi. They had removed a teepee from American Legion Park.
  - e. The Board discussed the need to remove a dead tree in American Legion Park and that it was near Mr. Cooley's tree.
  - f. The Board also recommended taking out the dead Spruce along with the one that is in poor shape right next to it.
  - g. Finally, the Board asked about the removal of rock/dirt piles on the American Legion property just north of American Legion Park. Rich agreed he would get that done.

## 2. John Anderson

- a. Anderson reported that the Town Engineer planned to complete the removal of the block building on the Burzlander property this summer.
- b. At this time, the Town Engineer is waiting on the contractor he hired to provide a bid on the construction of a bathroom in Boyd Skinner Park—it is hoped to have that done this summer.
- c. Anderson handed out the Park budget and discussed items in it that related to the Board and its priorities. Those items included funding for;
  - i. The new bathroom (\$300,000).
  - ii. Further training for Park and Rec. personnel (\$5,000).
  - iii. Tree spraying and park signs (\$4,000).
  - iv. Arbor Day (\$2,000).
  - v. Ball-field improvements (\$300,000).
  - vi. Sprinkler system at Boyd Skinner near the Kunnard property (\$20,000).
  - vii. Pine Creek Corridor planning (\$25,000).

- viii. Playground equipment (\$10,000).
- ix. Covered picnic shelter design (\$2,000).
- x. Fencing north side of Boyd Skinner (\$10,000).
- xi. Burzlander property house removal (\$21,000).
- d. Barb Pfaff asked about adding gates or rocks to deter people from cutting across property to access the Burzlander Creekside Pathway. They would be needed on the north side of the property owned by Barb Boyce. Additional conversation related to access to the Burzlander Creekside Pathway on West Adams Street.
- e. After a very short update on the Great American Backyard Campout (June 27), the Board discussed the need to have a portable restroom available at the Burzlander property addition to Boyd Skinner Park. Rich will explore where one might be placed.
- f. Anderson reported that Council approved creating a plan for extending the pathway west on Washington Street. The Board requested that they have an opportunity to see the plans, and that the plans include options.
- g. Finally, it was agreed that the park histories did not need to be formatted by Sue Sommers (per vote at the last meeting) and that we would try to format and print copies ourselves, with the option to seek assistance if needed.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.