



Pinedale Park & Tree Board Minutes (6/10/14)

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

Absent: Tim Lingle

Also Attending: Bob Jones, Nylla Kunnard, Rich Rohrer and John Anderson

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

There were no citizen concerns.

Mayor Bob Jones introduced himself and explained his overall approach to governing the town. The Mayor emphasized that the Town was operating at a deficit at this point. He applauded the Board for their service to the town and opened the meeting up to questions. A primary concern of the Board was the funding, price and location of a proposed bathroom in Boyd Skinner Park. The Board was amenable to constructing a less expensive bathroom but expressed the belief that a year-round facility was needed and that they had been working to get one for several years. Other concerns related to; 1) recent Council action to lease stream flow to Wyoming Game & Fish, 2) dogs running freely in the parks and, 3) the idea of the Town building fences along the northern border of Boyd Skinner Park. Finally, the Mayor encouraged the Board to attend the next Town Council meeting to express their concerns about getting the new bathroom built soon.

Staff reports followed;

Rich Rohrer, the Park and Recreation Supervisor, gave an overview of the work Town staff had been doing in the parks (getting sprinkler systems running, fertilization, removing piles from the north end of Legion Park). He also said he planned to get tree removal completed, placement of benches in Split Diamond Park and possibly fencing out illegal dumpers at the north end of American Legion Park. The Board agreed that putting up a fence to discourage dumping was a good idea. Rich also expressed concerns about adequate staffing and he hoped that hiring new summer workers would help address that need (including Dudley Key Fields). Rich also updated the Board on the progress of the Water Wise Garden on Maybell Avenue.

John Anderson gave a short presentation on the budget and indicated that staff had put all of the Board's priorities into the budget, including already approved funds to pay John Carney for the design of a covered picnic shelter in American Legion Park. Anderson also gave a quick update on the Great American Backyard Campout scheduled for June 27, 2014.

The only action item identified was to work to move forward the funding and construction of a new year-round bathroom in Boyd Skinner Park. Board members intend to attend the

next Town Council meeting, on June 23rd to request funding for that project from Town Council.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Following the meeting, Board members and staff walked down to the Burzlander Creekside Pathway to see the recently completed work on the middle section of that path.