



Pinedale Park & Tree Board Minutes (7/8/14)

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

Absent: None

Also Attending: Bob Jones, Pat Schwab, Rich Rohrer and John Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. The Minutes from the June meeting were approved on a 5-0 vote (Pfaff moved, Curry seconded).

There were no citizen concerns.

The meeting began with staff updates. First, Rich Rohrer the Park and Recreation Supervisor, reported on his activities. In the past month, the department had been busy with tree removals, spraying thistle, fixing playground equipment, watering the flower barrels, top dressing the sandy part of Boyd Skinner Park, painting bleachers at the Dudley Key Fields and lawn-care. The Board discussed watering the area in Boyd Skinner Park (near Nylla Kunnard's property) and how to proceed with seeding the sanding area and getting water for the seeded area. Eventually, it was decided that the department should run hoses to the area and seed it this summer.

John Anderson reported there was some money in the new budget for tree removal and that the Board's advice was needed about how to proceed. A variety of issues were discussed and the Board asked Rich to come back with a list of trees that need replaced.

The Board also discussed allowing Ruth Neeley to plant trees in Boyd Skinner Park as a donation and it was agreed that should be allowed (if she buys, the Town will plant).

The next item for discussion was the installation of fencing on the north side of Boyd Skinner Park. It was decided that the Mayor would walk that area with Tim Lingle to learn more about the existing fence. The Board told the Mayor that the existing fence (on the south side of Boyd Skinner) had been very popular with the neighbors and installation should be pursued. The Board also asked the Mayor to explore the demolition of both buildings on the recently purchased Burzlander property in Boyd Skinner. The Mayor promised to expedite the demolition of the one building already planned for removal, and that he would look into removing the other one, as well.

Next, the Board discussed the design of a new picnic shelter in American Legion Park. Margret Noble reported that the architect, John Carney, would be in the park on July 10 at 4:00 p.m. to meet with them and discuss their desires. Many members and town staff agreed they would be at the meeting.

The last scheduled item on the agenda was the planning and installation of a bike path on West Washington Street. Options for the design of pathway were discussed and there was general agreement that the plan should be presented in a public format at some time in the future. The main issues for the plan are; 1) the placement of yield or stop signs on the north/south streets, 2) whether bike lanes should be set up, and the possible location of those lanes, and 3) whether the pathway would cause parking issues. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Under the topic of “Other Business,” the Board addressed several concerns. The Mayor gave a quick update on the bathroom at Boyd Skinner Park and he informed the Board it would be a “design/build” contract that should come in under the amount in last year’s budget. A question was raised about what could be done with the money left over after the construction of the bathroom. The location of the bathroom was also discussed, and it was suggested that the best spot was the west side of the loop road in the old part of Boyd Skinner but that the exact location would also depend upon water and sewer connections. The Mayor agreed that he would bring the design that was accepted to the next Park and Tree Board meeting.

Disc golf was also discussed because residents had raised the issue with Council Member Kudar. The current location (near Fremont Lake) is not a good one and they would like to locate a disc course in Boyd Skinner Park. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that the group should present a plan at a future meeting of the Board.

Several other smaller items were also discussed. Rich Rohrer asked if it was okay to mow some of the areas in Boyd Skinner Park that lie along its western and southern borders. The Board agreed that the Park and Recreation Department could do that. There was also some discussion about chalking of the ball-fields and its impact on the time staff has for other park duties. The location of benches in Split Diamond Park was also discussed and Pam agreed with the locations Rich proposed—they will work to insure that gets done.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.