

Minutes Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday, May 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm

Members Present: Kevin Hart - Commissioner, Toni Hofland, Chad Gochanour

Members Not Present: Allen Green, Stephanie Galle, Art Villasenor

**We did not have a quorum, so no votes were taken.

Old Business:

- Vacancies: One vacancy for Community position with Donna Gates-Shewey's resignation. Opening is being advertised for thirty days. So far there have been two applicants.

New Business:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Per the Bylaws of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Parks and Recreation Board dated March 2004, elections shall occur at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. Elections will be postponed until the Board has a quorum.
- Next Meeting – Did not schedule next meeting at this time.
- Kennedy Common – Recommendation to Commission regarding general maintenance and corrected signage - Commissioner Hart requested that this recommendation be presented to: John Leo Sladich, Parks Director and Bill Everett, CEO prior to approaching Commission. Chad Gochanour was able to secure a quote from MSP of \$100.00/bench. Briefly discussed the difficulty in reading some of the original plaques and the lack of records listing the names.
- West Valley Park Letter of Support – Chad Gochanour listed his maintenance concerns and improvement requests. Unable to vote at this time.

Miscellaneous:

- Toni Hofland attended the first informational meeting for the proposed Dog Park. Updated the board with basic plan and various opinions expressed at the public meeting. Paul and Michelle Beausoleil (neighbors to the proposed location) presented a petition and letter opposing a dog park in Jaycee Park. Letter and petition are attached.
- Mary Stallings described the beauty and historical value of the proposed design of Jaycee Park and encouraged another location for the dog park.
- Paul Beausoleil did request that the County perform more maintenance at the Jaycee's Park. At minimum, he would like to see the area mowed more often.
- Discussed Guard Shack restoration – ADLC has discussed Job Corp taking on the restoration. However, no decision has been made at this time.
- West Valley Skate Park – Introduced idea of Skate Park at West Valley. Advised Board Members that Amanda Dour would be requesting a Letter of Support in the near future.

- Lacey Stone, representative for *Wear It For Barrett*, requested that Anaconda-Deer Lodge County consider enacting a helmet ordinance in the county-owned skate park. Commissioners Kevin Hart and Michael Huotte are continuing to research this request. They were both supportive of signage being placed in Benny Goodman Park encouraging the use of helmets. Lacey offered to have the organization pay for the signage and she was encouraged to proceed with ordering the signs and Kevin and Michael will work on the necessary County approvals.
- Rose Nyman expressed her dismay in the lack of support for our local parks.