

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 10, 2018. The following were present: Bobby Koeplin, Scott Tichy, John Froelich, Bill Carlblom, Mike Metcalf, Dallas Dockter and Andre Delorme. Bev Anderson also attended.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koeplin called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m., the agenda was reviewed, and additions were made. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the updated agenda; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2017 meeting; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the 2018 year-to-date financials as presented; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried. The current parks balance is \$156,698.13 as of 4/30/2018. The 2019 budget was also discussed; 1 mill will be requested, as a starting point.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Donor Recognition Signage is to be installed at both primary Park Registration Kiosks. Two part-time staff members have been hired to work 20 hours per week for 19 weeks. The County Highway Department did significant winter tree trimming, disposal and cleanup of concrete parking bollards etc. They should be commended for the great job they did. Need to stump grind and place topsoil, as applicable. Museum brochure and Sheyenne Valley Eats & Drinks brochure have been laminated and installed in the Registration Kiosks. Wood has been salvaged from City-County Health's window project, to be used for the Shop office project. Staff is to identify and inventory fire ring welding repairs (13) & replacements, as applicable. Little Yellowstone ash pile was hauled out by Highway Dept., Park staff have been told to remove debris from ashes and have hauled out prior to fall weather. Jason Thiel made some improvements to the reservation system. Two beavers have been trapped. A 4-H club is coming to do cleanup.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Metcalf moved to approve the revised Mower and Side-by-Side Safety Policy; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Scott Tichy moved to authorize up to \$2,500 for stump grinding; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried. Stumps will be prioritized for removal and bids will be requested. Contract Mowing was discussed. Staff were informed to mow less. Mower hours and labor will be tracked for mowing and trimming, and it will be bid this fall. The burn ban was discussed, and Bill Carlblom will talk to Emergency Management to ensure that the parks are notified.

PENDING:

Handouts to support BC Communities are forthcoming. Scott Tichy has put in a request for a Life Jacket Station. A damaged restroom sign & a No Hunting, Horses, Firearms sign at Little Yellowstone will be replaced. The Clausen playground shelter will be relocated to the lake, when conditions allow. Also pending is Parking bollard relocation, topsoil placement and seeding at Boat Ramp parking lot.

Bill Carlblom moved to adjourn; Scott Tichy seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Bobby Koeplin, Chairman
Barnes County Park Board