

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Thursday, November 8, 2018. The following were present: Bobby Koeplin, Scott Tichy, Dallas Dockter, John Froelich, Bill Carlblom, and Andre DeLorme. Mike Metcalf was unable to attend. Also present was Bev Anderson.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koeplin called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m., and the agenda was reviewed. John Froelich moved to approve the agenda; Andre DeLorme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Tichy moved to approve the September 13, 2018 minutes; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Froelich moved to approve the 2018 October year-to-date financials; Andre DeLorme seconded the motion. Motion carried. The 2019 Budget was also reviewed. No changes were made by the Commission to the 2019 budget request.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Stumps were ground at Clausen Springs by #1 Tree Trimming at a cost to the Parks of \$1,500. Excess garbage cans have been sold. The tractor radiator was pulled and soldered. Parking bollards were relocated to the appropriate place at the edge of the pavement at the Boat Ramp Parking Lot. A "No Hunting" sign at Little Yellowstone was reset and two nearby posts were removed. No bids were received for the Squealer (Bush Hog SQ840) 7-foot 3-point deck mower; will try again in the spring. There was lots of tree damage with the October snow; Carr Tree Service came in and topped the broken trees. Tree cleanup will be done by staff, volunteers and possibly Barnes County Highway Department as schedules allow. Registration data from the envelopes indicates 4,480 camping nights, plus the online registrations. Updates – Bev: Firewood sales totaled \$4,990; in-person registrations totaled \$25,609.32; and most of the campground hosts have stated that they will be back next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy Schwehr, on behalf of the Barnes County Weed Board stated that the weed board will gladly do the big spraying in the parks spring and fall and will also provide chemical and training on mixing. The Weed Board is not available for on demand right now spraying. Cindy indicated that the Schwehr's are willing to borrow the park staff a 4-wheeler and sprayer, so that they can do their own spot-spraying and beach spraying. The park board declined the equipment due to potential liability and Bobby Koeplin will talk to Jamen Windish, the County Weed Officer. Scott Tichy suggested a back-pack sprayer for Bev and her crew to use. Bev Anderson must be certified in chemical application and she was instructed to get re-certified by the Extension office in Spring.

Discussed mowing bid of \$3,750 per mow & trim, at 14 mows per season, would cost \$52,500. Andre DeLorme moved to reject all mowing bids; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bobby Koeplin requested the purchase of two new Husqvarna mowers at a cost of \$15,274 with trades. Scott Tichy moved to approve the mower request to be paid for out of the 2018 park budget, subject to Commission approval; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Supplier increasing 2019 firewood to \$4/bundle. Scott Tichy moved to increase the fee for firewood to \$6 per bundle for 2019; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried. The shop office was discussed; prices for a building with improvements will be obtained. The Reservation system is being evaluated and time spent will be tracked more closely next year.

PENDING:

Specific rock placing to reduce erosion Clausen Springs – BC Highway Dept.
Large Shelter Repair Little Yellowstone
2019 Request, Life Jacket Station
Move Clausen playground shelter to lake – Quote pending to replace the 14' X 22' shelter

Bill Carlblom moved to adjourn; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.