

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 11, 2022. The following were present: Bobby Koeplin, Bill Carlblom, Shawn Olauson, Pete Paulson, Tyler Jacobson, Dallas Dockter. Scott Tichy was absent.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koeplin called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. The agenda was reviewed. Dallas Dockter moved to approve the agenda; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the April 8, 2022 minutes; Tyler Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the 2022 year to date financials; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion Carried

REPORTS/UPDATES: No Job applications have been received for maintenance workers in Park, will advertise until positions are filled.

The pickup brake repairs have been completed. .

Tree planting 162 Expedition Elm, Amur Maple, and Japanese Tree Lilac, Both parks requiring a lot of watering due to dryness.

Storm damage in Little Yellowstone required some pruning.

Little Yellowstone had tree damage from the storm – Staff had to temporarily pull logs off the paved areas. Jamen's Weed Dept. employees helped pick up tree debris.

Parks opened late, on July 1st, due to wet conditions

Paved road slump at campsite 30 at Little Yellowstone due to spring flooding. This road had been blocked off.

Clausen Springs Sites 11 & 12 were washed out during spring flooding. The sites have been repaired, graveled, and are in operation. They still need topsoil placement and seeding.

Two Security Cameras have been installed.

WIFI has been installed in the loop at Clausen Springs Park. We are looking at DRN signage for this project.

Side by Side fuel pump has been replaced.

The fencing is done at Monson Park with punch list items being addressed, orchards signs being proofed. There was a major railroad slump. Work is being done on the final non-motorized hiking trail easements. Several orchard trees are to be replaced through the ND Forest Service Grant. Orchard trees have been pruned and weeded. Mr. Monson reseeded the 3.5 acre pollinator plot. Quit Claim Deed is in Barnes County name.

A big thank you to Kerry and the Highway Department and Jamen and the Weed Department for helping get the parks cleaned up and repaired to be able to operate. Thank you to Bill for assistance with the pickup repairs.

OLD BUSINESS: 2.7-mile asphalt repair & crack seal has been completed. Chip seal and seal coat will be completed in August.

NEW BUSINESS: A Kayak Launch with wheels at Clausen Springs was discussed and how to fund this project.

There is a request to place a memorial bench for Darren Nelson at Clausen Springs Park. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the bench placement. with specifications of Game and Fish being followed. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PENDING ITEMS:

Updating the Website & Operating Procedures Manual.
Build a shelter at Clausen Springs beach area contingent on grants.
Monitor wood privy use in the loop at Little Yellowstone. Consider demolition.
Construct a shower house at Little Yellowstone pending on grant funds.

DISCUSSION:

Who is responsible for issues at Kathryn Dam. Game and Fish manages the flow of water. Consensus was Kathryn Fire Department is a good choice.

Problems with blowing the electrical fuses at the campsites become an issue.

Camping rates were discussed going from \$20.00 per night to \$25 per night.

Extended stays are 7 days at any one campsite.

The firewood supplier, Louis Legge is retiring. We need to start searching for a new supplier.

Bill Carlblom moved to adjourn; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 a.m.


Julie Mindt
Barnes County Deputy Auditor


Bobby Koepplin, Chairman
Barnes County Park Board