

Park Board Advisory Meeting

April 26, 2021 – 6:30

Minutes

Board Members Present: Sydney Allen (ZOOM), Patrick Shourd, Renee Endicott, Loey Knapp, Vicki Motley

Visitors: Bobby Sonsteng, Sloan Shourd

Approval of Minutes: There were not minutes to approve.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Father Ravalli Park North Fence: the fence that is on the north side of the park is falling down, some of which has been caused by the park sprinklers hitting the fence. The landowner has gotten a bid for \$5800. He would like to go 50/50 with the Town on the cost of replacing it. This would be a cost of \$2900 to the Town. Vicki Motley asked about having to get more than 1 bid due to the cost. Is the ceiling about \$500 or \$5000. Owner will cover all of the maintenance costs.

Playground Structure – new paint on the swings + structure would be a cost of \$27K through American Parks Co. Then there would be the cost of the rubberized chips \$725/pallet. Renee stated that the wood chips are more ADA compliant than the rubber ones. Burke has lots of options, BOSS – Monkey Business 30x31 is \$10578, Monkey in the Middle 37x23 is \$11772. This would include the timber orders w/spikes. The maintenance crew does not want to take on this project, so the installation would be \$11K. Patrick asked if we could repair and add onto the existing structure. This is not possible. There are many areas that are just not up to standards. We could use local contractors for a cheaper price. This system has a great warranty even if we don't have them install.

- What company does Missoula Parks & Rec use?
- Go private with installation. Steve Kauffman & crew could do the installation, and then this company would come and certify it.
- Recycle the old structure @ Pacific Steel.
- Warranty & Shipping are key to this project.
- 2 picnic tables @ Father Ravalli Park & 4 tables @ Creamery Garden Park.
- Mulch for the Park
- \$500 from Burnt Fork Vet for flowers
- Trash cans like the ones that we are using at Lewis & Clark Park
- Bike Rack like at Blacksmith Brewing
- Wood for climbing wall would be donated. The cost would be in the climbing attachments, \$1K, this would go in the NW corner.

Sloan Shourd stated that kids don't like the wood chips as they get stuck in their shoes. She thought that the rubberized ones would be better.

- b. Creamery Garden Park –
 - Sidewalks are dipping, potentially use sidewalk funds to go with a wider path, and this might possibly gain more use. Vicki stated that when the park was originally done the cobblestone path was done to stop skateboarders from destroying the tables, etc.
 - Mission Bistro doesn't want to share any costs on the picnic tables, as they don't have enough staff to work it.
 - Possible stage in the NW corner
 - 4 tables for Creamery Garden Park (2 ADA, 2 regular)
 - Clean Up Day – paint the light poles, power wash the fence and stain it. Bobby thinks the fence is stout.
- c. River Park –
 - There will be 4 apple trees planted @ the River Park in memory of Bob Lewis.
- d. Dog Park –
 - The funding fell through for the dog park. They are looking for new grants.

Director's Report:

Bobby stated that we need some new signs.

1. NO DOGS @ Bear Mountain & Skate Park, Renee stated that Big Bear Signs in Missoula did the original Bear Mountain signs. Renee said that she would get Bobby the information. This isn't in the Park Board Budget.
2. NO SMOKING signs in the parks – or have a no smoking section behind the backstop w/covered area and an ash can. Renee and Vicki both stated that the Park Board had taken the NO SMOKING issue to the Town Council, but it was denied.
3. Civic Club/Splash Pad Deck Proposal – they want to get a letter of approval from the Park Board. Sydney Allen stated that she would do the letter.

Vicki Motley
Park Board Secretary