



CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 15, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike McDowell, Co-Chair
Ron Edinger, City Council Liaison
Jim Lien
Ginny Tate
Bridget Hill
Jim Kinnard, Student Rep

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Greenwood, Parks & Recreation Director
Melissa Brandt, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Cranston
Christie Wood

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner McDowell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Six members present, resulting in a quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Edinger made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018 and August 20, 2018. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Bill Greenwood: Irrigation blowout going on right now in all the parks. The Skatepark grand opening recently took place. The Skatepark is a phenomenal success and is actively being used by a number of kids every day. We will be installing a third swinging bench in the next 20-30 days, weather permitting. Recreation is currently taking basketball registrations.

Commissioner McDowell: Recently walked through Memorial Park and observed 75-80 kids using the Skatepark. There was no conflict and everyone was getting along well.
Greenwood: The park is designed to allow good movement and room for everyone.

The pickle ball courts are getting used, and we have a futsal court about the size of a basketball court, a practice area for soccer that uses a heavier ball. We have nets up and are hoping folks will realize the court is there for use.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McDowell: There is a modification to the agenda; we are pulling the item number 10, the American Legion Agreement, to allow more time for review by the Legion.

Commissioner Lien: How are things progressing with the new bike track area under the 95 bridge? Greenwood: The user group involved is helping get the areas set up, parks department is providing dirt and equipment, shaping the pump track under the bridge, and adding the skills course, connecting each one so you can go from one element to the other. This was part of our master plan.

Commissioner McDowell: Noticed a large number of loops of trails through the trees immediately south of the bridge. Greenwood: Those are cyclo-cross tracks used for a number of years now, that track will blend with the others for one continuous ride.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. OFF-SIDES PRESENTATION (Information Item)

Greenwood: We have volunteer coaches in our recreation program and youth referees. This presentation we hope will get parents to remember these are youth sports, an introduction to the game, and are supposed to be fun for their kids.

Video presentation of "Off-Sides."

Commissioner Kinnard: Has seen this type of activity at his high school.

Commissioner Edinger: Do we have this problem with our referees? Greenwood: We haven't had a lot, but it does happen and we've had an adult get upset at a 12 year old referee helping with soccer for the little kids. We have had people decide to stop refereeing due to some of the issues. Not that bad here yet, want to make certain it doesn't become a problem.

Commissioner McDowell: Put it in perspective, the kids are there to have fun. Act appropriately.

9. MOU STATE OF IDAHO PARKS & RECREATION (Action Item)

Commissioner McDowell read the Decision Point of the staff report for the record.

Greenwood: Since 1998, the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation has managed the trail and parkway along East Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive between the Rutledge Trailhead and the city limits at South Silver Beach Road under an agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department. Our street department took over the street maintenance of that area but the maintenance of the Rutledge Trailhead was not included in that agreement. This MOU is to

ensure IDPR continues to provide maintenance at this site as part of their portion of the Centennial Trail all the way out to Higgins Point. They have done it for years, when it fell through the cracks we needed to ensure it got cleaned up. We will provide pumping the vault restroom and minor restroom repairs.

Motion by Commissioner Lien, seconded by Commissioner Tate to recommend approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance of that portion of the public trail and parkway along East Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive which is within City limits, there being no discussion and all being in agreement, motion passed.

Item will move forward to General Services.

10. COEUR D'ALENE PARASAIL AGREEMENT (Action Item)

Commissioner McDowell read the Decision Point of the staff report for the record.

Greenwood: This is just a small change to the agreement. Section 3 of the agreement allows Coeur d'Alene Parasail to submit a written request for a 4-year extension of their lease with their request to extend the lease, they also requested to remove Ben and Ruthie from the agreement as they are retiring and their boys are part of their incorporated business. This renewal will indicate the sons will run the business and Ben and Ruth will be taken off the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Edinger, seconded by Commissioner Tate to recommend extension of the lease agreement with Coeur d'Alene Parasail and Watersports, for four (4) years, beginning May 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2023, on the same terms and conditions as the Lease Agreement, there being no discussion and all being in agreement, motion passed.

Item will move forward to General Services.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McDowell asked for any additional comments.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday, November 6, 2018: Workshop; Caruso's Deli, Coeur d'Alene – 11:30 am
- Monday, November 19, 2018: Meeting; Community Room at the Library – 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Tate made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Hill seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.