

## 1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Organization	Present
J.P. Gallagher	Director	BSB Parks & Recreation	X
Kelly Dennehy	Parks Superintendent	BSB Parks & Recreation	X
Bob Lazzari	Recreation & Events	BSB Parks & Recreation	X
Lisa Carey	Accounting Specialist	BSB Parks & Recreation	X
Dave Schultz	Director	BSB Public Works Department	
Dennis Henderson	Chairman	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Cathy Tutty	Vice-Chairman	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Joey Parchen	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Chuck Merrifield	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Zac Sexton	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X

### 1. Welcome

Chairman Dennis Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### 2. Agenda Review & Approval

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

### 3. Minutes Review and Approval

Chuck Merrifield moved approval of the minutes from October 2015, Cathy Tutty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Public Comment

None.

### 5. Director's Report – J.P. Gallagher

- a. Projects -- The locker room at the golf course has been cleared out- the lockers have been removed and the room is ready for renovations. Insulation and lighting will be added.
- b. Golf Course- JP Gallagher reported that George Russo had made a presentation to run concessions in their entirety at the golf course.

Another company, ran by Tyson and Duffy McFarland, made a presentation to operate the golf course, with BSB subsidizing the operations by \$40,000 the first year and incrementally less each year thereafter, until they pay BSB. This company also provides a golf pro- something the course was missing last season. The course is currently losing approximately \$200,000 per season. Gallagher requested approval from the board to put out an RFP for a management company to run the golf operations. Cathy Tutty asked what the impact of outsourcing the operations would be to current employees. Gallagher responded that the full time employees would be absorbed into other departments of the county, therefore no fulltime jobs lost. Tutty moved approval to put forth an RFP for a golf pro to operate the golf course and Merrifield seconded, all approved. Harold Crane was asked his opinion and he stated the members wanted a golf pro and a pro shop.

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- c. Pool bond issue- Commissioners will vote January 20<sup>th</sup> to determine if the pool bond issue will go on the ballot for the voters to decide. JP Gallagher reported that the presentation at the last council meeting went well. If the plan is accepted it will include an 8.5' maximum depth pool, lazy river, and features such as slides. Dennis Henderson expressed concerns that the survey wasn't broad enough to truly represent the feelings of the voters. He also stated he had concerns regarding the concession stand and if it would be shared with the carousel. JP Gallagher responded that the carousel will be operational 2 years before the pool is opened so the carousel intends to operate a stand-alone concession- and the agreement could be reviewed and modified once the pool was operational. Gallagher also noted that proceeds from concessions were not taken into consideration for projected revenues for the pool bond issue. It was also noted that the last time the pool issue appeared on the ballot future maintenance and operational costs were not included. This time these expenses are being considered and included with the bond. Cathy Tutty noted that the last pool bond issue was voted on 5 years ago.

#### **6. Superintendent of Parks Report – Kelly Dennehy**

- a. Summary of Parks & Trails – Winter Tasks

Kelly Dennehy reported that the golf course locker room has been gutted, the Christmas lights are down, and snow is continuing to be plowed. Henderson gave kudos to the good job being done of snow removal on the trails. Christmas Trees dropped off by the public have been removed. At Copper Mountain 4 poles for the backstop have been installed.

- b. Skating Rinks—all rinks are in good shape. Snow has been removed.

#### **7. Recreation & Special Events Coordinator Report – Bob Lazzari**

- a. Volleyball – Bob Lazzari reported that both leagues are going well. The women's league ends tonight, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, and mixed league starts up next week.
- b. SnoFlinga- Montana's winter festival will be held Jan 29-31<sup>st</sup>. Bob Lazzari reported that 140 registrations have been received, and some events are already fully booked. Many events will be happening: Skating, food, on opening night- Wilson Brother's will present in a videotaped a message and Dave Silk will speak live. Saturday night at the Original Mine Yard there will be a luge run for the kids. Saturday night there will also be a rail jam at the Mt Con. After party at Irish Times. Dog jog at Skyline Park, ugly sweater 5K on Sunday.
- c. St. Patrick's Day- The parade route will start at Emma Park, head up Montana Street, turn east on Park Street toward Wyoming Street to Granite Street. The parade will continue across Granite street to Montana, and then down Montana back to Emma Park.

Joey Parchen requested that an attempt be made to quickly obtain economic impact data and present the information quickly to the county, instead of waiting several months. Bob Lazzari replied that Maria Porchevina of the Conventions and Visitors Bureau (CVB) has been invited and involved with the festival meetings.

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## **8. Discussion Items**

Larry Winstel, a local dog owner, stated that he feels a crisis exists at Skyline Park. Winstel stated that there is constant conflict between patrons and the animal patrol constantly surveilling the area, and it's made it hard for anyone to enjoy the park. JP Gallagher stated that he has spoken to Ed Randall and Commissioner Sorich and they have concerns as well about off leash dogs in leash required areas. Winstel requested that a citizens group be formed to research dogs' needs in Butte and how other communities handle dog issues. Dennis Henderson stated that this advisory board could not vote to create a citizen's group- that the request would have to be brought to Council. Henderson advised Winstel to contact the council secretary and request time to present his concerns to the Council of Commissioners.

## **9. Board Member Time**

Cathy Tutty invited all present to attend Silver Bow Kiwanis Pancakes for Parks fundraising event on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the MAC center. The group plans to sell 12 sponsorships for the event and all proceeds will be used to purchase new playground equipment for community parks.

## **10. Adjournment**

Cathy Tutty moved to adjourn, Joe Parchen seconded, and all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM. Next meeting will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.