

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	Admin Assistant	BSB Parks & Recreation	X
Dave Schultz	Director	BSB Public Works Department	
Bud Walker	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Cathy Tutty	Vice-Chairman	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Phillip Borup	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 Cathy Tutty called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

### 2. Agenda Review & Approval

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

### 3. Minutes Review and Approval

Zac Sexton moved approval of the minutes from April 2016, Bud Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Public Comment

None

### 5. Introduction of Bud Walker & Phillip Borup New Board Members

JP Gallagher welcomed new Board members Phillip Borup, of the YMCA, and Bud Walker, of the BSB Council of Commissioners.

### 6. Recommendation and Vote for New Chairman – all board members

Sac Sexton nominated Chuck Merrifield for Chairman of the Park and Rec Board. Merrifield accepted the nomination. No objections heard, Chuck Merrifield was confirmed as the new Board Chairman.

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

- a. Rocker Playground- group will present to Commissioners tomorrow night. JP Gallagher noted that Rocker had been working toward a playground for the last 20 years. Last month the Park and Rec Board voted to recommend to the Commissioners to support the efforts to create a playground by providing labor to build the park and future maintenance. Kiwanis has indicated a willingness to partner to purchase landscape structures, so that may be a direction taken in the future.

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- b. Pool Bond Issue – Friends of Stodden recently held 7 or 8 events to gain community support for the Pool Bond Issue. Gallagher recognized how instrumental the group has been with the entire project. Leon Crane asked how many swimming lanes there will be, hearing that only two lanes were planned. Gallagher stated that although the design is conceptual, currently there are four lanes in the design.
  - c. Golf Course – Summer help maintenance crew is in full swing as of Monday. Green six is being planted and hopefully will be ready by July 1, weather permitting. Kelly Dennehy stated heat is needed for the greens to grow, so hopefully we will begin to see some warmer weather. Gallagher noted that golf memberships had already increased by 60 memberships compared to total memberships at the end of the season last year. Gallagher also stated that the beer and liquor license has been transferred and alcohol sales have begun at the clubhouse. It was also mentioned that the liquor license could carry to the swimming pool as well, if the Board chose to take that direction when the time comes. Phillip Borup stressed the importance of not allowing any glass containers be used on the property. Crane asked if the Club would be allowed to bring their own alcohol to the course during their family night like they had in the past. Gallagher said yes, but doing so would be going against what the Club and BSB had been working toward. It was also noted that prices would be very comparable to sales everywhere else in town.

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

- a. Summary of Parks & Trails – New Dog Area at Skyline has been completed to accommodate elderly and handicapped. Two pumps broke and have been replaced, one at Stodden and one booster pump at Copper Mountain. Dennehy reported that about 90% of the irrigation systems are up and running. Tball and softball is in full swing. The Legion field project is also on track for having BSB's portion completed August 2016. Dennehy also reported that Sunset Cemetery is starting into their "busy season" and recommended that the Board stop out and see how nice it is looking, if they hadn't recently.

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

- a. Report on Recreation Programs & Recreation Guide- The guide is finished, and the Kids' Coalition website and information was included. St James hospital paid to have an additional 4500 copies printed in order to allow all of the students in the school district be given a guide to take home before the end of the school year. Borup recommended that the County bulk mail some of the guides to residences to make sure the guides get received the majority of the community, if the budget allowed.
- b. Softball – started last week; 16 teams have registered- 9 women teams and 7 men.
- c. Pickleball- very successful, and players are seeking 2 new outdoor courts.

- 10. **Cinders Park – JP Gallagher** – The old backstop has been torn down, and new fencing is being erected, and the area is looking a lot nicer. Commissioner Anderson plans to request that the funding that was allotted for this park in the FY2016 budget be extended to FY2017. This extra time will allow Parks and Rec staff to communicate with the residents in the neighborhood and allow for community involvement, to make sure all opinions have the chance to be heard.

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## 11. Discussion Items

- a. Memorial Tree at Father Sheehan- Shauna Kelly, in remembrance Landon Haight -of one of her students who was recently killed in an accident- would like to plant a tree at Father Sheehan Park as a Memorial to him. Gallagher stated that he recommends the Board support this request, but also feels a policy should be developed to protect BSB from situations such as a required relocation or to outline what responsibility exists if the tree/trees were to die. He stated that Memorial trees have been planted in the past with no language in place, but he feels it's a good idea to enact a policy now. Cathy Tutty moved the planting of this tree be approved, and that a letter of understanding be given while the official policy is being developed. Bud Walker seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.
- b. Change of Meeting Time- The majority of the group preferred a 7PM meeting time, with the idea that the meeting time be reviewed again during the winter months. Many members stated that an earlier time of 5 pm or even Noon would be better in the winter months. Tutty made a motion to change the meeting time to 7PM with the intent to revisit the time again during the winter months.
- c. Any additional Discussion Items—Urban Forestry Board mentioned that BSB is the only community of our size that does not have an Arborist. Helena has 3 arborists within their Parks department. Gallagher recommended the Board begin having discussions about bringing an arborist on board as a city employee. Bud Walker asked if there was a possibility to team with MSU to create an arborist position. Gallagher stated that Kellee Anderson was not an arborist and is already spread pretty thin. It was recommended that representation from the Urban Forestry Board be invited to attend a Park and Rec Board meeting so we have a clearer understanding of what is needed. Borup stated it might be that this position will pay for itself in the savings of not having to replant the same trees that keep dying.

## 12. Board Member Time

Cathy Tutty informed the Board the Kiwanis Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 1PM and asked the Board please help spread the word.

## 13. Adjournment

Cathy Tutty moved to adjourn, Sexton seconded, and all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27PM. Next meeting will be held June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7PM, at the EOC.