

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	Admin Assistant	BSB Parks & Recreation	X
Dave Schultz	Director	BSB Public Works Department	
Bud Walker	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	
Cathy Tutty	Vice-Chairman	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	
Phillip Borup	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Chuck Merrifield	Chairman	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X
Zac Sexton	Member	BSB Parks & Rec. Board	X

1. Welcome

Chairman Chuck Merrifield called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Phillip Borup seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Director's Report – J.P. Gallagher

- a. Pool Bond Passage & Possible Schedule-- Pool Bond passed and JP Gallagher thanked all who helped and supported the passage of the bond.
- b. Miner's Field Progress- Grandstands have been erected and it's starting to look like a real ballfield. Park and Rec crews are busy preparing the area to lay sod. BSB no longer has a sod farm, so they will be a bid process to purchase sod. Markovich Construction was awarded the contract to complete 2 stems walls, ticket booth and plaza.
- c. Golf Course—New manager is doing a great job, increasing membership and has the course looking great. Hole 6 should be ready to play on early July. The carousel hoped to be operational by July but progress has slowed some so the opening may be delayed to Fall.
- d. Rocker Playground Progress- Area has been excavated and Ladies' Aux have been contacted regarding purchasing equipment. A request is being made to the Greenway fund to help match funds, and Silver Bow Kiwanis has agreed to donate money as well. A lot of progress has been made.

6. Superintendent of Parks Report – Kelly Dennehy

- a. Summary of Parks & Trails -- Has 6 kids keeping busy as summer help mowing weeding and maintaining 36 parks. Clarks Park is looking great, a lot of man hours have gone into this area. Skyline has seen a lot of use.

7. Recreation & Special Events Coordinator Report – Bob Lazzari

- a. Report on Summer Recreation Programs – has 2 kids for summer help. Summer program starts tomorrow, there will be 6 different programs. A lot of activities are planned to get kids away from the TV and enjoying the outside.
 - b. Recruiting volunteers with a group of seniors to help plant flower beds in the parks, as well as create a Trail Ambassador program.
- 8. Vicente Galardo** – Proposal to do a Boy Scout project at C Street Park – Made a presentation requesting to allow them to construct a pavilion. The boy scouts would raise funds to purchase the materials. They felt maintenance shouldn't be needed for 20-25 years. Construction could be started by September 1st and completed by the 30th. Phil Borup motioned to approve the request with contingencies that the plan has been presented and approved to Park Staff and a BSB building permit has been obtained. Zac seconded and all approved.
- 9. Lee Whitney** – St. Mary's neighborhood proposal on interpretive sign—1000 copies of book have been sold and group wished to use profits to honor people of the area. They also have been awarded a \$5,000 grant so they have @ \$20,000 to invest in interpretive signage. Signs would be mainly placed along the walking trails. Group is asking permission to place two of the signs on BSB Park areas. The signs are approximately 30x24 inches. Gallagher stated that he didn't feel there would be a problem placing a sign around Mandam Park or near the Original and that the signs fit into the Vision of the Park's Department. Borup questions if the design of the signs have already been approved and Gallagher indicated they had. Sexton motioned to approve the request, Borup seconded all approved.
- 10. Charlie O'Leary** – Urban Forestry Board (Arborist for BSB & possible M.O.U. with P&R board)—Charlie O'Leary first recognized the importance of the Parks Department and thanked the staff for the great job being done. Tree planting along Elizabeth Warren has been very successful. The process of developing an Urban Forest is often slow but improvements are being made. The Urban Forestry Board has developed a plan and mainly focusses on Butte streets but has done some work in some parks as well, naming several parks they have planted trees including Sioux, Koprivica, C Street as well as others. O'Leary noted UFB is always there to support the efforts to green up BSB parks. O'Leary continued to state that along with tree planting comes a lot of maintenance- watering, trimming, and care. As the Urban Forest grows a "canopy cover" develops. BSB canopy started at 9% canopy coverage, which is far below neighboring communities. Grants are available to individuals to obtain trees to plant at significant discounts to help increase this canopy cover, helping to correct 100 years of damage caused by mining. The group stated that they have received great help from volunteers, and the county extension agent, and the City but they are still feeling overwhelmed with the amount of maintenance involved and would like to request that a professional, certified arborist be placed on staff for BSB. The group stated the best time to hire an arborist is January 1st and would probably cost about \$60,000 which represents about 1mil for our area. Gallagher stated he feels an arborist could be catalyst that pulls everyone's efforts together to organize a collective vision and act as a liaison to bring the groups together that are working to green up and clean up Butte. Kelly Dennehy noted that the trees are warrantied for one year and could be replaced if the tree died and was reported, but he was too understaffed to have a tracking process to inventory the trees. An arborist would be able to inventory and replace trees under warranty, which would be a huge savings in itself. An arborist could also be applying for grants in the winter time, or off season. The group stated that it seems that more than one arborist could be kept busy with the amount of work involved, but decided to focus on attempting to obtain one arborist now. Motion by Sexton to support the vision to have an arborist brought onto BSB staff by working closely with the UFB and others to make it happen.

11. Discussion Items

None

12. Board Member Time

None

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM. Next meeting will be held July 19th, 7PM, at the EOC.