mowing and watering, what other maintenance do croquet courts need. The courts need maintenance similar to the tee area on a golf course. Turtur stated that they can't start a club until there is a court available to play on. They would provide funding to purchase necessary equipment (wickets, ball and mallets). Cole stated that a lot of facilities in the past have been constructed as a result of a group of people who come forward and request the facility. When a location is found the group would begin fundraising an appropriate amount of money to cover construction costs. Once constructed the club would provide oversight for the location. This is the process the mountain bike association used to build the dirt jump park along Rapid Creek. Lintz added that she doesn't feel the Recreation Division is set up or able to manage a croquet program. City staff only maintains city programs. Olson suggested that Ms. Turtur talk with Mike Derby about this type of activity. Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen added that locating this type of facility in close proximity to the necessary maintenance equipment would be very helpful. Schild stated that it sounds like the best option would be to organize a croquet club and move forward from there. The club would need to fund raise for construction and maintenance costs. Schild also encouraged Ms. Turtur to discuss her proposal with Mike Derby who operates the Chophouse Restaurant.

Floodway Property Land Sale

Director Cole explained that the City has received an offer from Michael and Kellie Picht to sell Lots 7 & 8 and East ½ of Lot 9 in Canyon Park Land Subdivision to the City of Rapid City for $15,000. This property is located in the floodway and is not buildable. Cole noted that the city could only purchase the property for market value so some type of appraisal would have to be done. The current assessed value of the property is $5,000. Cole added that one of the goals of the Friends of Rapid City Parks organization is to raise funds to begin purchasing floodway land and donate it to the City. That organization is beginning an organized effort to accomplish this task. Lindquist added that the City has adopted a policy to purchase flood property as it becomes available. He explained that in 2008 the City formed a Floodway Development Policy Committee to review flood properties. The Committee found that not all floodway property within the City is owned by the city; some of the parcels are still in private ownership. Part of the policy that came from this group was that whenever possible all private land within the 100 year floodway and flood plain would be purchased whenever feasible. The property being offered to the city today is definitely in that category. Motion was made by Lindquist seconded by Olson and carried that the city begin negotiations with Michael and Kellie Picht to purchase this property that lies within the floodway at a price that is negotiated by the City with funding to come from Friends of Rapid City Parks and the Parks and Recreation land acquisition line item.

Dinosaur Park Improvements Funding

Cole explained that the City is in the process of making repairs to the Dinosaur Park concession building and we are now looking for funding to make structural repairs to the large dinosaur. We have obtained a quote for the work to be done for just under $25,000 so formal bids will not be required. Cole added that funding is available in the contingency line item. Motion was made by Lindquist seconded by Storm and carried to allocate $25,000 from the Parks and Recreation contingency fund to the Dinosaur Structure Repair project.