

MINUTES
PARK & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE
October 3, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mel Dreyer, Tim Henderson, Van Lindquist, Wes Storm, Crystal Thompson, Sheri Zimmer

STAFF PRESENT: Keith Johnson, Rod Johnson Bill Lass, Sharlene Mitchell, Lon VanDeusen

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Schlimgen, Rick Belsaas

Call to Order

Acting Chairperson Zimmer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a brief introduction of Subcommittee members, staff and guests.

Lindquist moved, Storm seconded and carried unanimously to elect Zimmer as the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Chairperson.

Wilson School Playground Proposal

R. Johnson briefly reviewed the issues associated with the Subcommittee's funding proposal for the Wilson School Playground equipment. R. Johnson reviewed staff's efforts to determine if the selection process utilized by the Wilson School PTA would meet the criteria of the Capital Improvements program. K. Johnson indicated that the Finance Office is currently reviewing the selection process information provided by the Wilson School PTA.

Schlimgen presented the financial breakdown of donations received and expenses incurred with regard to the playground project. Dreyer recommended that future applicants be advised of the Capital Improvements qualification criteria initially in order to avoid future funding issues. Discussion followed.

Dreyer moved, Thompson seconded and carried unanimously to recommend, that should it be determined that the Wilson School Playground Equipment Project is ineligible for Capital Improvement Funding, that the Rapid City City Council authorize funding in the amount of \$4,175.00 from the Council Contingency Fund for the Wilson School Playground Equipment Project with the funding to be paid directly to the Rapid City School District for payment of the balance due on the playground equipment project. In consideration of the Council Contingency funding of the Wilson Playground Equipment Project the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee will provide a reimbursement in the amount of \$4,175.00 from their Year 2000 Budget to be utilized on a Capital Improvement project of the City Council's discretion.

R. Johnson indicated that staff would continue their efforts to secure the necessary documentation to allow project funding to be processed from the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee budget.

Schlimgen and Belsaas briefly reviewed the financial status of the Wilson School PTA as a result of the playground equipment project and requested that the Subcommittee consider increasing their contribution for the project to \$10,000.00. Discussion followed with regard to the stipulations placed on the funding authority for the playground equipment project.

Approval of the September 12, 2000 Minutes

Lindquist moved, Storm seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2000 meeting.

Finance Report / Project Update

K. Johnson provided a brief review of the status of the current projects.

McKeague Field Project

K. Johnson indicated that only one quote has been received at this time. R. Johnson recommended that a minimum of two quotes be received prior to awarding the project. He further recommended that the work be completed during the winter months to minimize damage to the playing field. Discussion followed regarding safety and liability issues and field damage.

Lindquist suggested that if the safety fencing can not be installed prior to year end and season end, that the project be carried forward to Year 2001 and combined with additional McKeague Field projects in an effort to secure more favorable pricing.

Jackson Park Disc Golf Course

K. Johnson reviewed the responses received to the bid requests noting the issues impacting the contractor's unwillingness to bid the project. Lindquist suggested delaying the project to Spring 2001 in an effort to secure competitive bidding. Discussion followed regarding the structuring of the bid requirements to insure the specified basket is provided.

Greenway Tract 24 Park Improvements

R. Johnson presented the proposal for recreational facilities at the Tract 24 site including expanded parking facilities, relocation of the softball field, the skateboard park site, basketball courts, and relocation of the exercise course adjacent to the paved sidewalks. R. Johnson reviewed the status of the Use On Review application being processed for the facility. Discussion followed regarding the design of the various facilities, replacement of parking facilities lost to the Ice Rink facility and surfacing materials for the basketball courts.

City Parks Tour

The City Parks Tour was scheduled for October 11, 2000 beginning at 4:00 p.m. with the Parks Department providing the transportation.

Report from Park Superintendent

VanDeusen presented the City Park Inventory classifying the type and status of the playground equipment. VanDeusen commented on the current activities of the Parks Department. Zimmer complemented the Parks Department for their assistance in the installation of the Wilson School Playground equipment. Discussion followed on the seasonal staffing levels experienced by the Parks Department.

Other Business

Lindquist recommended that the Bylaws, Subcommittee membership roster, Master Project List and Prioritized Projects List with review criteria be provided at the November meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.