



City of Sidney, MT
Park and Recreation Committee Meeting 6-27-22
June 27, 2022 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Alderman Present: DiFonzo, Christensen and Godfrey

Others Present: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Parks Superintendent Ridl, Brandie Azure (adult softball).

1. New Business

a. South Meadow Playground Equipment

Ms. Azure stated this has been a project that they have been working on for a couple of years, and they now have 2 proposals from companies out of Billings, which she provided the committee. She stated the equipment will be geared for 2 year to 12 year children. She stated they need direction location of the equipment. She stated from what she understands it was originally figured into the plans to go on the west side of the concessions building, which is where they would like to have it located with a fence to keep them out of the parking lot. She stated the number of kids at the park is increasing so having the equipment would be great.

PWD Hintz stated they came before the Park Board and they supported the project and Alderwoman Christensen stated they also came to the City Council. PWD Hintz asked if they are funding it themselves and Ms. Azure stated they are unsure on the cost of installation, which the companies would do.

Parks Superintendent Ridl stated there has been numerous locations presented but the safest place would be where they are indicating. She stated that the equipment they have chosen do not have a large footprint, without having swings, with relatively the same footprint as the batting cages that were at that location previously. She stated that she has discussed this with homeowners up there and several have indicated that they are extremely interested and would even be willing to donate to it.

PWD Hintz stated he has pictured the east side of the concessions with a net over it. Ms. Azure stated if it was on the west they don't think they would need net coverage if it was on the west

side. Parks Superintendent stated by having it on the east it would be going over the electrical, water, sewer and many things underground. Ms. Azure stated if parking is an issue to have it in the west side location, there is an area that they have utilized for tournaments for additional parking. Alderman DiFonzo asked the purpose of installing the equipment and Ms. Azure stated for siblings of kids playing and for the neighborhood. He asked how they would keep them out of the parking lot area and she replied they would need to install fencing, which kids running into the parking lot is already an issue and they need to find a way to make it more secure and deter them from running into where the kids are. Mayor Norby asked if this will hinder busses turning around in the parking lot and Alderman DiFonzo stated they can exit by Sunflower Lane.

Alderman DiFonzo stated he feels they need to know what kind of equipment and how large it will be before they can say either way. He stated that way they can see how much of the parking lot it will take up. Ms. Azure stated she was looking at whichever equipment would fit better. PWD Hintz stated he would like to see a scale drawing to see the footprint also and that he could assist in doing that. Ms. Azure also stated that will help them figure out how much fencing they will need. She stated they have 4 sponsors that are covering a majority of the costs so far, and she is hoping to be able to do it this fall after the summer use is over and give time to get it installed. PWD Hintz stated he will look at the CAD drawings of the park and the equipment and report back to the committee with a drawing.

Motion was made to table.

Motion made by DiFonzo, Seconded by Godfrey.

Voting Yea: DiFonzo, Godfrey, Christensen

Adjourned: 5:47 p.m.