



City of Sidney, MT
Park and Recreation Committee Meeting
May 28, 2024 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Alderman Present: DiFonzo, Christensen and Stevenson

Other's Present: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering), Pete Erickson (Sidney Tiger Sharks), Jodi Wells (Round-up), Randy Iversen (Pickleball)

1. New Business

a. Tiger Sharks Swim Team Bulkhead

PWD Hintz stated Interstate Engineering met at the pool along with himself and the Sidney Tiger Sharks Swim Team to look at the current bulkhead and where it sits on the dock to see if the current bulkhead can be retrofitted to not cause damage to the stainless-steel gutter and if Interstate Engineering could perform a load rating analysis and structural analysis to ensure the use of it will be safe. Mr. Mayer stated Interstate Engineering is willing to do the load rating analysis and make recommendations for any modifications. Mr. Mayer stated they are now seeking concurrence of the Committee and City Council that the current bulkhead could continue to be used if the load rating analysis determines it is safe and/or it is repaired to have a safe load rating and also to modify the arms of the bulkhead so that any loads from the arms will be placed on the concrete slab-on-grade deck beyond the expansion joint of the gutter section.

Mayor Norby stated he feels getting the load rating is most important and that he does not see how the bulkhead is affecting the gutter. PWD Hintz stated he agrees but it is important to have an engineer review it.

Alderman DiFonzo asked if they are looking for approval to move forward with possibly continuing the use of the current bulkhead should the load rating analysis be done and Mr. Mayer stated yes, once the analysis is done the City can review it.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Christensen, Seconded by Stevenson.
Voting Yea: DiFonzo, Christensen, Stevenson

b. Pickleball Courts

PWD Hintz stated after the last meetings pertaining to pickleball at the tennis courts, he asked Interstate Engineering to do a cost estimate. To completely redo two of the tennis courts and make them into 6 pickle ball courts the estimated cost is \$1,077,000 and then to redo the other two tennis courts it would cost another \$945,000. Mr. Mayer stated they based these costs off a project done in the last couple of years in Jamestown where they installed 6 pickleball courts. He stated these cost estimates are the Cadillac versions and can be pared down as the city see's fit, but that would happen in the design of the project after contracts are established.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated after the \$75,200 transfer this fiscal year, there will be approximately \$155,500 available in the tennis court CIP. Alderman DiFonzo asked if there are grants available and PWD Hintz stated the original tennis court project in the 90's was paid for by a grant through Fish Wildlife and Parks, but that total project cost was \$150,000.

The Committee reviewed with Mr. Iverson and discussed possible ways to cut the project, including the possibility of the city doing some of the work. Mr. Iverson stated having the numbers for the cost gives the pickleball group a starting point for local fundraising, which he said they do have some interest in. PWD Hintz stated the FWP grant would not be available to apply for until 2025 and funding would not be until 2026, to which Mr. Iverson stated they would like to see the project completed before that hopefully started next spring for the soonest. Mr. Mayer stated there are also local recreation grants, but those are usually small. Mr. Iverson also stated that they would like to see lights, restrooms and the parking lot paved at this location and PWD Hintz stated they City has designs for bathrooms but that current cost is \$250,000 and the City could pave the parking lot for \$15-20,000.

Mr. Iverson stated he will discuss these cost estimates with the pickleball group and report back to the Park and Recreation Committee.

Adjourned at 6:03pm.