



**Stevensville Park Board Advisory Board  
Agenda for  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020  
7:00 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Clean Up Day Recap
4. Splash Deck
  - a. Locations
  - b. Size
  - c. Features
5. Community Programs for August 2020
6. Adjournment

**Guidelines for Public Comment**

Public Comment ensures an opportunity for citizens to meaningfully participate in the decisions of its elected officials. It is one of several ways your voice is heard by your local government. During public comment we ask that all participants respect the right of others to make their comment uninterrupted. The council's goal is to receive as much comment as time reasonably allows. All public comment should be directed to the chair (Mayor or designee). Comment made to the audience or individual council members may be ruled out of order. Public comment must remain on topic, and free from abusive language or unsupported allegations.

During any council meeting you have two opportunities to comment:

1. During the public comment period near the beginning of a meeting.
2. Before any decision-making vote of the council on an agenda item.

Comment made outside of these times may not be allowed.

Citizens wishing to speak during the official public comment period should come forward to the podium and state their name and address for the record. Comment during this time maybe time limited, as determined by the chair, to allow as many people as possible to comment. Citizens wishing to comment on a motion for decision before any vote can come forward or stand in place as they wish. Comment must remain on the motion before the council.

Park Board Meeting  
June 24, 2020 – 6:00  
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Renee Endicott, , Patrick Shourd, Jaime Devlin and Vicki Motley
  - Absent: Loey Knapp, Christa Wortman resigned.
  - Visitor: Brandon Dewey, Bobby Sonsteng, and Victoria Howell
2. Discussion on the Following Items
  - Introductions/Meet and Greet – Bobby Sonsteng introduced himself as the new Parks & Rec Director. He has been on the job approximately 1 month, and he is currently working on getting the pool up and running.
  - Community Workday – this is usually held in April, but it didn't happen due to the COVID-19 virus. It was decided that the Annual Town Clean-Up Day would be Saturday, July 18. The City will get the word out.
    - i. Weed the perennials that are in the bulb outs.
    - ii. Trash cleanup – it was discussed that maybe this would be great to do on a Sunday, so that the City crew could pick up the bags on Monday morning. Patrick Shourd said that he thought that Sunday would interfere with those attending church, and by the time they got out it may be too hot. Mayor Dewey stated that there is a City Employee that works on Saturday, so it would not be a problem to pick up the garbage. We might even be able to partner with Bitterroot Disposal.
    - iii. Wood chips in Bear Mountain Park – There are some left, but they have been covered over. Renee Endicott stated that the chips need to be interlocking. They got the last batch from Mark's Lumber. Renee stated that she would look into what the cost would be.
  - Youth Summer Programming –
    - i. Ideas – Mindfulness Yoga – park or water (river) Bobby felt that he would have no problem with running this type of yoga
    - ii. Arts Camp – Bob Ross inspired. The kids would make a frame, and they would be given a canvas and sent out into the park to draw their view of the park. They could use crayons, markers, etc. Cheap fee.
    - iii. Town Scavenger Hunt – connects kids with their community - \$15.00 fee and it would end with getting ice cream.All of these events would easily include social distancing. It was also suggested that they could do group hikes, partner with the Lee Metcalf Refuge. Parents would need to realize it was not a drop & go. There would need to be strict chaperone to child ratio in place.
  - Adult Summer Programming –
    - i. Yoga – Bobby has discussed with Blakely, in the park, to see if she might be interested in running an adult program for free. She was interested as long as she was able to hand out her business cards.
    - ii. Tourist in Your Own Town – A tour of the Stevensville area where they would meet at Veteran's Park, walk to Fort Owen, and then hit other historical sites. This might be a great way for people to learn about their community.
    - iii. Pickle Ball Clinic
  - Park Sign Painting –

- i. Bobby stated that he toured each of the parks, and feels that it is really necessary for there to be signage in the parks. The current signs need some TLC. Father Ravalli Park has one good sign and one not so good sign. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park has not sign. It was discussed that 6<sup>th</sup> St. has a lot of elderly people and we need to make the sign smaller, so as to respect the neighborhood residents.
  - Dog Parks –
    - i. There currently are poop bags in all the parks with the appropriate signage stating that they are to pick up after their dog. This unfortunately doesn't always happen. Bobby would like to do a needs assessment of dog owners. He could do this through Burnt Fork Vet Clinic, Ambrose Vet Clinic and possibly through Wash & Wags. He feels that more and more people are requesting a place to take their dogs. Possible places – old skating rink by the storage units on Eastside Hwy. There are already posts there, so that would help reduce the cost. The other possible area would be off of Eastside Hwy by the Forest Service. The town currently owns a very small sliver, along with the Fort Owen Ranch and another private land owner. Jaime Devlin stated that this is something that newer people to our community could be offered.
  - New Picnic Tables at Creamery Garden Park –
    - We need to replace at least 3 tables. It was discussed asking Mission Bistro to go into partnership to replace 1-2 tables.
  - Pool Passes – Bobby presented the idea of having a Business Pool Season Pass. It would be for 2 family passes. Currently a family pass consists of 6+ people. They are proposing the cost be \$475. The pass would have the Business Name on it, and the family would have to present the pass when they went. If they didn't have the pass they would have to pay. It would just be passed from employee to employee. It was also discussed about having Pool Punchcards for Kids and Adults. This would be an agenda item on the July 9 City Council Meeting.
  - Splash Deck @ Lewis & Clark Park –
    - This project is being proposed by the Civic Club and wanted to know if the Park Board was okay with them pursuing a plan. Once they have the numbers and other pertinent information they would bring it back to the Park Board. Joan Prather & Maureen Bailey are in charge of investigating this. Victoria Howell will be on the fund raising team.
    - To find out information on what a splash deck is go to Raindeck.com, there are 102 different options that could be done to meet the needs of our community.
      - Timers would be set to run certain times during the day to conserve water, and also help with misuse.
      - This would be west of the pool, just below the slope.
      - Renee Endicott stated that Fort Missoula has a brand new Splash Deck. It would need to be bigger than Florence's, but not as big as Bonner Park. Renee also stated that a Splash Deck was something that they had wanted to do when they did the Bear Mountain Playground, and she was sure that many on that committee would be willing to assist with this project.
      - Renee Endicott also suggested them fencing the Splash Deck with the same style of pickets that are around Bear Mountain.
      - It was agreed unanimously that the Civic Club should go forward with gathering this information and bring it back to the Park Board.

### 3. Adjourn

Vicki Motley  
Secretary

Park Board Meeting  
Oct. 9, 2019 – 6:00  
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Loey Knapp, Renee Endicott, Christa Wortman, Patrick Shourdand Vicki Motley
  - Visitor: Brad Smith, Brandon Dewey, Monica Hoffman, Paul Sokolowski
2. Discussion/Decision: Nomination & Election of Board Officers
  - President – Christa Wortman
  - Vice-President – Renee Endicott
  - Secretary – Vicki Motley
3. Discussion/Decision: Armed Forces Memorial at Veteran’s Park – American Legion
  - Paul Sokolowski discussed that the panels on the Veteran’s Memorial were shabby. They tried to repair them but it was going to be extremely expensive. They would like to go with Granite Etched Metal Memorial. This would be about \$6-8K, and it would be similar to the Hamilton monument. This would help break from the alley to enhance the affect at the park. They would still maintain all 5 military flags. Not replace the name plaques on the monuments. The names were suppose to be of active service members, which was the original intent of having the names.  
Loey Knapp oved to allow the American Legion to go forward. Patrick Shourd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.
4. Discussion/Decision: Master Parks Plan Status
  - It would cost approximately \$2000 to complete the master plan. Goal – help administration with priorities of the park. This \$2000 would come out of General Fund and not out of the Jean Thomas Fund.
5. Discussion/Decision: Condition of Picnic Tables & Benches in Parks
  - River Park – those tables and benches that are out in the open are not in good shape, and those that are covered are in good shape.
  - Lewis & Clark Park – tables are okay.
  - Father Ravalli Park – maintenance free.
  - Creamery Garden Park – tables need some work done.
  - Veteran’s Park – tables were removed for the tree removal. Tables are salvageable.

Discussion was held that tables need to be relatively maintenance free, such as Trek tables. Those tables are approximately \$700/table. Creamery Garden Park has 4-5 tables (\$3500), Veteran’s Park has 2, River Park - ? It was discussed that Mission Bristo might like to sponsor a table or two since their business uses them for outside service. Loey Knapp moved to retain all funds in the budget. Patrick Shourd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
6. Discussion/Decision: Potholes on Park Access Road – River Park

- It was stated that we only have an easement to the Park property. The city crew doesn't have the equipment to redo the road, it will need to be hired to repair.
7. Discussion/Decision: Park Advisory Board Ordinance
    - What should be in the ordinances – long lasting, can be repealed
    - Meeting Dates – example once per quarter
    - Authority of the Park Board
  8. Items of interest: packet of information from the other Stevi Boards should be included in the Council meetings.
  9. Correspondence: none
  10. Public Comment: none
  11. Old Business: none
  12. Chairman Reports: none
  13. Board Member Reports: none
  14. Adjourn

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Secretary