

Barnes County Park Board Meeting
March 19, 2024
Barnes County Courthouse

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Scott Kohler, Bill Carlbom, Tyler Jacobson, Dallas Dockter, Scott Tichy, Pete Paulson Shawn Olauson, were present.

Park Board Manager Scott Kohler called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the December 14 2023 minutes. Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes.

Bobby Koeplin has submitted his resignation but would like to stay on to work with the grant projects. The board approves of Bobby administering the grant work. Scott Kohler has been named the new Park Board Manager.

There was considerable tree damage in both Clausen Springs Park and Little Yellowstone Park. Scott worked with Jessica Jenrich and Jamie Smith to submit a FEMA application for the damage. Dean Ross estimated snow damage from the previous year would be \$6,000.00. Scott estimates that the damage is far greater than that after the damage from the recent ice storm. Most of the work will be done by the county. We will try to coordinate with the Highway Department to haul the wood. The wood will be cut up and hauled to the burn pile and it will be open to the public to take the wood. Wood at Little Yellowstone is cut up and taken to the camp sites. The park staff will do the tree trimming. Another option is to pile the wood out of the way and haul it to the burn pile at a later date.

Jason Joy now has a full-time job and is not available as much. Scott will be full time. Duane Peterson will continue on-call to do mechanical work. Caden Amerman will continue doing groundwork. Wages will be discussed at the Barnes County Commission meeting following this meeting.

Bill Carlbom made a motion to approve the job description for the On-Call Park Mechanic; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

The Memorandum of Understanding for the Walter Trail has the parks helping with docks at Little Yellowstone and Kathryn Dam. Shawn Olauson will use his tractor for spring and fall installation of the docks.

Parts for the lawn mowers will need to be picked up in Litchville. The tractor was brought into the Highway Department last fall and will be sold on bids this spring.

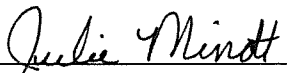
Bobby Koeplin was able to get a new 12-year lease with Game & Fish renewed.

Bill Carlbom is looking for a replacement tail gate for the tail gate that was damaged by a tree falling on it last summer.

Game and Fish is requesting a buffer zone for mowing along the water ways to help with erosion issues. We will leave a one-to-two-foot area that will not be mowed along the waterways per their request. We may want to look at planting some native grasses in those areas.

The new Park Truck Logo is on the truck. The reservation system will be ready to open by April 14th. Cleaning up tree damage will start as soon as possible. Brochures have been updated. Game and Fish would like to take campsite 54 for a temporary dock so brochures may need to be updated again. The operating goal for Rover Pass is to go interactive. That did not get accomplished over the winter but can be worked on over the summer. The goal is to have the parks ready to open by Memorial Day.

With no other business, Tyler Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 am.


Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor


Scott Kohler
Barnes County Park Board

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