



City of Sidney, MT
Park and Recreation Committee Meeting 10/29/24
October 29, 2024 6:15 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. New Business

Visitors: Stephanie Ridl (Parks Superintendent)

a. Svarre Park Improvements

Park Superintendent Ridl mentioned that she has been looking into a grant that would update the existing volleyball court at Svarre Park, she mentioned that the volleyball court rarely gets used and would like to see that come out and possibly put in a low impact fitness court and pickleball court. Park Superintendent has some leads on different funding organizations around town to help with the cost besides the grant option, she is looking for council to pass a resolution attached that states the city agrees on the project and pay whatever the balance is without knowing what the final cost could be. Public Works Director Hintz stated that without knowing the hard numbers it would be hard to pass this resolution because of the large unknown cost of the project, he also stated that this project is a very good idea and think Steph is on the right track with this project, just need some more firm numbers and time. Alderman Stevenson said that its a shame that Steph doesnt know for sure how much the sponsor's are going to sponsor, and that the committee should table this until more information comes forward. Public Works Director Hintz said that there are some other park projects he would like to see the city get done first before this project starts, Park Superintendent Ridl stated that she will report this information back to the lady in charge of the grant and collect for financial information to bring back to this committee and possible meet again next year.

Alderman Difonzo would like to make a motion to not make a decision at the moment and table this resolution until more financial information is brought forward. All approve.

Motion made by DiFonzo, Seconded by Christensen.

Voting Yea: Stevenson

b. Veteran's Park Irrigation System Project

Public Works Director Hintz stated when the city started to look into the irrigation project at Veterans Park in 2013/2014 it was roughly \$30,000 for parts and roughly another \$70,000 for installation, and now obviously those costs are much larger in today's economy. Interstate Engineering sent over a probable costs spreadsheet for the irrigation project, and it would range on a low of \$257,500 anywhere to a high of \$334,750 now for parts and installation. Public Works Director Hintz stated that is sprinkler system was probably put in around 1970's and Parks Superintendent Ridl is constantly changing sprinkler heads at this park, and there are certain coveragers of the park that are not getting water coverage due to the low water pressure the system has right now. Public Works Director Hintz plans to phase this out in possibly a three or four year project and complete one phase a year, the first phase will start next week. Public Works Director Hintz also said to keep the costs down the city plans to do everything in house and possibly sub contract some work out if needed, there is money in the parks cip account to cover most of projects or not all of the supplies.

Alderman Stevenson wanted to know if Jeff or Steph know roughly hour much it would costs the city if they broke it down in sections per year, and Parks Superintendent Ridl said she would gladly look into that and get back to the committee with the answer. Park Superintendent Ridl said that this design has 31 zones and a broken valve in the middle of the park, which currently has no water to it and it has to get fixed before she can finish blowing out the system. Park Superintendent Ridl stated that they plan to start on the west/east side of the main line and finish it this fall and then see what is next in the budget.

Alderman Christensen made a motion to table this Veterans' Park Irrigation System project until more financial numbers come back to committee. Alderman Stevenson seconded the motion. All Approve.

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