



City of Sidney, MT
Park and Recreation Committee Meeting 5-22-23
May 22, 2023 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Alderman Present: DiFonzo, Christensen, Godfrey

Other's Present: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Scot Sturgis, Letty Godfrey, Trenton Godfrey and Dani Godfrey.

1. New Business

a. Improvements to Moose Park

Mr. Sturgis stated there are items with field maintenance they are trying to get improved at Moose Park including infield material, Woodgroup donated a 6-foot by 8-foot Conex that has been installed for the pitching machine that is placed close to the batting cage that they need approval of and there is a dead tree by the batting cage they would like to remove and install a 6-foot 30 to 40-foot T-net for a bull pen station. He stated they would like to fence off the bull pens and batting cages for protection of others present. He stated they would also like to put another batting cage in by the current and put one in by the shed/garage for the visiting teams. He stated everything including labor has been or will be donated.

PWD Hintz stated he doesn't want the Conex close to residences, rather more up against the fence more. He stated he doesn't have a concern with the small Conex but he does have concerns with so many of them being put on City property that will make property owners want to put them on their properties. PWD Hintz stated they use the area by the shed/garage for sweeping dirt and asked if that would interfere with the visitor batting cage and Mr. Sturgis stated it wouldn't as they could make it shorter than the others if needed. Alderman DiFonzo stated they should put it closer to fence in the corner by the shed/garage instead of in the parking lot area behind it and Mr. Sturgis stated they could do that.

PWD Hintz asked why they cannot t-off into the batting cages instead of having a t-net and Mr. Sturgis stated so they can have more stations for practice.

Alderman DiFonzo stated the changes will give them more opportunity to have more going on and that he doesn't see any issues with the changes. Mr. Sturgis stated the number of kids coming out

for baseball this year has prompted them wanting to make these changes and the possibility of having a showcase tournament or more tournaments in general.

Motion was made to recommend the approval of the requested changes with the condition they work with PWD Hintz and follow the drawing as provided with the change of the location of the visitor's batting cage and Conex.

Motion made by Christensen, Seconded by Godfrey.

Voting Yea: DiFonzo, Godfrey, Christensen

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.