

City of Colville
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2016
Council Chambers- 5:30pm

Meeting called to order by Jake Wilson, Recreation Coordinator at 5:35pm.

Members present: Traci Baum (arrived at 5:40pm), Dean Fischer, Matt Schanz, and April McElreath

Members Absent: Zach Ross, Danny Todd, One Vacancy

Staff Members Present: Recreation Coordinator Jake Wilson, Parks & Recreation Secretary Amanda Hallam, City Council Member Chris Loggers, and City Council Member Mallory Conner

1) Shelly Stevens from Tri County Economic Development is here to talk with us about the newashingtontrails.com.

Jake introduced Shelly from Tri County Economic Development. Shelly started with a background on the newashingtontrails.com. She then showed the board members how the website works. Shelly also stated that the website is a work in progress so they are always adding more to the website. Matt asked what the process is if someone would like to make a suggestion on a trail to add to the website what that process would be. Shelly stated that she is the person that you would talk to and they will get it up on the website. As long as the person isn't doing it for a gain and that the trail is not on private property. The board thanked Shelly for coming to talk with the board.

2) Wading Pool/Splash Park Facility.

Jake stated the a few weeks before this meeting Mayor Janke let him know that they are re ranking the Capital Facility's projects and they are looking at funding a splash park for this year. Jake stated that this topic is going to Council on February 9, 2016. Jake told the board what he planned on suggesting to the City Council. Jake asked for the board members thoughts on the topic. The board members agreed that the splash park should be put on hold and get a more concrete plan. Traci asked how we get the people involved. There was discussion about doing a survey and how to get the survey to the community members so we could get the communities input on the topic. Dean moved and Traci seconded that we create a survey.

Motion Passed

Traci had to leave the meeting early (6:25pm)

3) Recreation Staff hours for the winter months.

Jake explained to the board that as of right now we are part-time so we only work 20 hours a week. Jake plans on bring this topic to council this fall during this year's budget cycle that it would be beneficial

that the Recreation Department be full time year round. Jake asked if the board had any input on this topic. He stated that we do not have enough time to get all the work done that needs to be done only working 4 hours a day. Jake explained how when he started working for the City 4 years ago that the Recreation office was only open full time in the summer and closed in the winter. We got it changed so we were part time in the winter so we could maintain what we have but we are taking on more and more and there is a need for us to be full time year round.

4) Other thoughts.

Dean asked for a Colville Mountain Trail update. Jake stated that he is currently working on grants to developed a Recreation Trail on the mountain.

Matt moved and Dean seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm