

Albertville Parks Committee meeting minutes May 20, 2014

Attendees: Tim Guimont, Andy Swanson, Larry Sorensen, Mark Barthel, Jon Vetsch, Sharon Oakvik, LeRoy Berning
Visitor(s): none

Explore Your Parks Night

- Committee will consider opening up to city council members and more city staff to help staff the parks. It was also suggested to perhaps have Albertville royalty candidates work at parks or a park.
- Need to be persistent inviting sports organizations to help work the event.
- Despite challenges with weather and staffing, committee wants to keep the event on Friday after fishing opener for a variety of reasons, including weather, AFCD, summer travel for families and the event's timing history.
- Recommendation was made to find a way to identify staff and committee members who work the event. Suggestions included having special buttons or T-shirts made.
- Recommendation was made to have signage at the park site where the committee has its table. Suggestions included banners, pop-up tents or flag banners.
- Weatherproof boxes are needed for prize entry tickets. Tim suggested wood boxes would be a good Scout project.
- Recommendation was made to have tri-fold pamphlets to hand out that showed all parks and their amenities.

Linwood

- Committee recommends repair of tennis court poles and fence. Tim will get bids to resurface the tennis court and present at meeting June 23.

Miracle Field

- Sharon will look into preliminary steps to put in a Miracle Field near the compost site.

Oakside Park

- Committee recommends removing and replacing wood chips with new chips at Oakside playground. Tim will bring more bids to install a gazebo at Oakside and present at meeting June 23.

Budget

- Committee recommends increasing park budget to \$2,000 per park per year to more sufficiently meet challenges to equip and maintain parks.

Westwind Park sign

- Committee recommends replacing existing sign with new style sign. Linfield, Linwood and Hunter's Pass would be next.

Big Winter Park

- Committee recommends installation of a swing set to fit within the confines of the existing Winter Park playground. As presented by Tim, the project will cost \$2,350, installed.

Next meeting: June 23 at 8:00

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