

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

December 14, 2011

9:30–10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Renee Mitchell, Jon Wilkins, Dave Strohmaier, Dick Haines, Ed Childers, and Lyn Hellegaard

Members Absent: Cynthia Wolken, Stacy Rye

Others Present: Shirley Kinsey

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of October 26, 2011 were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

IV. Review and set a public hearing for the master fee schedule for Parks and Recreation Facility Use, Reservations, Contracts, Permits and Programs 2012. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Shirley Kinsey) (Referred to committee: 12/12/11)

MOTION: The committee recommends Council set a public hearing on January 9, 2012 to consider a [resolution](#) increasing fees set forth in the master fee schedule for Parks and Recreation Facility Use, Reservations, Contracts, Permits and Programs 2012

The process for annual review of these proposed fees and policies includes review and approval by Missoula Parks & Recreation Board, the County Park Board and City Council after a public hearing. Shirley Kinsey provided the Board with a summary of the proposed changes for 2012 and noted the entire document can be view at the Parks web site at www.missoulaparks.org.

All Sports Field fees will remain the same in 2012, all other fee increase approximately 5%.

Changes include:

Section 1 General Reservation Guidelines will change to General Reservation Requirements.

Changed in this section include:

Section 1.1 Softball

McCormick Softball field lights increased from \$8/hr to \$9/hr

Northside Softball field lights increased from \$10/hr to \$11/hr

Section 1.13 Aquatic Facility Rentals

Splash private rental from \$496.00 to \$508.00 for total facility

Splash private rental from \$330.00 to \$339.00 for facility without 50m

After hours rentals at Currents category added: 160 – 200 people \$245/hour

50m Pool – Swim Team Rentals - \$84/hr change to \$86/hr or \$10.75/lane/hr

The only feedback so far to the proposed fees was from the YMCA who agreed the small increase was justified. The fees were increased by 5% which results in the odd amount.

1.14 Park Shelter Rentals

Rental will increase: W/Power from \$40 to \$42 All Day From \$100 to \$105

WO/Power from \$35 to \$37 All Day from \$87.50 to \$88.50

Adding two shelters for rentals: Fort Missoula – w/out power

44 Ranch – with power

Shirley will check to see if the new Maloney Ranch shelter should be included in the fee charge.

The charge is for reservation use of the facilities for a specified time period, not an hourly rate.

Committee members were concerned that due to limited budgets Neighborhood Councils who use shelters for meetings or socials are charged the reservation fee and would like to see language which would allow for one "free" rental for each neighborhood council for an annual social.

Section 2 Special Events in Parks

Added Special Use Permit (Seasonal) for groups conducting business in City Parks

Up to 16 days per month \$250/month

17 days and over \$300/month

Shirley explained the reason this fee is to charge for a business that regularly reserves a park and also charges a fee to participants. Any group can request a fee waiver from the Missoula Parks Board.

Bob – asked if the fee could be based on number of participants and he would like to know what groups are affected and would like them to be notified about the public hearing.

Section 3.4 Aquatic Daily Fees, Season and Annual Passes

Adjusted Pass and Punch Card prices to reflect the \$.25 daily admission increase in 2011.

Section 3.5 Teams & Adventure Ropes Course

5% increase on Fees – last fee increase in 2008

Section 4.2 Short Term / Event Concession Fees

1-9 permits For Profit \$30 to \$31.50 Non-Profit \$25 to \$26.50

10+permits For Profit \$25 to \$26.50 Non-Profit \$20 to \$21.50

Added section on Yard/Garage Sale Activities

Expressly prohibiting Yard/Garage Sales in City owned or managed parks.

Committee members expressed concern about a neighborhood council group who would like to do a fund raiser in a park by having a community yard sale. They would like to see language to allow for this type of event.

It was moved to set the public hearing for January 9, 2012 with all committee members voting in favor of the motion.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

VI. HELD ITEMS

1. Update from Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 04/11/2011)
2. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/2011)
3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the agreement with Territorial Landworks, Inc. (TLI) in an amount not to exceed \$136,702.37 for professional services, including engineering, surveying, and construction management for Project #PR 08-02 GCT, Grant Creek Trail, CTEP #STPE 8199(105). ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Shaw) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)
4. Appoint four members to the Open Space Advisory Committee for the terms commencing January 26, 2012 and ending January 25, 2015. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 12/05/11)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.