

Monroe City Parks Committee Minutes

Monroe Council Chambers

February 24, 2017

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Chair: Cindy Canter
Members: Timothy Eastridge, Lauri Reynolds
Ex Officio: Paul Canter

Cindy opened the meeting stating that there are 3 parks in Monroe – toddler park, City Park and Reservoir Heights.

Cindy brought up the idea of a skate park at the old proposed site of the Dollar General. She also mentioned moving the dog park next to the skate park.

Tim mentioned the skate park in Reedsport and that it is shaped like a big bowl. Tim suggested modeling any skate park we build after the Harrisburg park. Tim questioned whether we could get grants to build the park.

Cindy mentioned City Park and presented drawings of structures. She proposed covered structures, restrooms and Tim brought up the idea of concessions.

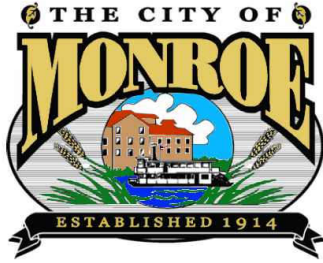
Tim brought up the bench placement at Reservoir Heights and mentioned Fairwood Construction's experience with the concrete work there. He said there is great potential there. He did mention that there is poison oak in the area. Tim talked about making it like a nature park. He noted that there is no parking on 11th and that it needs gravel in the area. He stated that there are some rotten wooden posts and mentioned putting a fence around the machinery in the area.

Cindy stated that the toddler park needs a new play structure but mentioned that those are approximately \$100,000. Cindy brought out the Parks Master Plan, dated 2011.

There was a discussion of the haunted house property.

SBRA South Benton Recreation Alliance wants to develop a path from Alpine Road to MGS and put in a bike lane. Seth is going to talk about community outreach at the next council meeting. The community will be able to vote on 3 choices of what they want.

Tim mentioned Bell Chambers and the lagoons and wondered what feeds the lagoons. Paul stated that there is a 3-foot culvert at the transfer station. Tim mentioned that Brian Greene would be a good person to get involved.



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Cindy wants to get playground equipment for City Park.

Army Corp will give the City bridge girders for foot access across the river. Paul thinks they are only 60 feet long and would need a pier in the middle. He said it wise to draw to other people.

Paul stated that he and Rick met with County Commissioners. Cindy mentioned that Ann and Annabelle expressed interest in the skate park. Cindy mentioned that the County could help fund the park and it would be left County property. Cindy suggested a grant writer. A grant writer could write their fee into the grant so there would be no out of pocket cost. Tim mentioned there are already trees at the potential dog park site and suggested adding bark chips.

It was noted that the Benton County Sheriff's Office volunteered 4 hours to dig post holes and that HP put in fence. Cindy mentioned that we have quite a few people asking to help. Tim suggested wanting to see a schematic and Cindy talked about having a City of Monroe vision video.

Cindy asked where we want to start and Tim suggested starting on City Park first. Cindy questioned when concrete could be poured. There was talk of the hardware list. Paul said there is currently no funding for concrete and that plumbing for restrooms would be expensive. He noted that we need an engineer.

Cindy suggested asking Sweet Earth for contact information for who designed their covered structure. Paul mentioned soil condition concerns and that the first phase could be a structure. Paul and Tim agreed that it would be smarter to put the restrooms over by the sewer. Paul mentioned roofing materials and sheetrock. Tim mentioned dugouts and questioned if the wood was treated. Tim likes the natural look but thinks that would get dirtier.

Tim suggested the next project should be the skate park. He suggested pictures are submitted to Council. Tim mentioned that Jessie Bowlin told Tim she would be interested in helping with a skate park. Tim suggested that basketball hoops be put up at the skate park and Cindy noted that there are basketball hoops at the high school. Tim mentioned benches at the skate park.

