



CROWN MOUNTAIN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

**“Creating community legacy through parks and recreation”
May 8, 2019**

Board Members Present: Jen Riffle, Bonnie Scott, Robert Hubbell, Tim Power Smith

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: Toni Kronberg, Ted Bristol

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:01

Kirk Schneider was excused by Robert. Second by Bonnie.

Public Comment:

Toni Kronberg is here to talk about the dog park. She is thankful that staff fixed opening to the gate where small dogs can get under the fence. Toni also mentioned that there is a dog that can open the gate with his nose, so we should think about a new handle to stop that dog from opening the gate. Toni also added that a dog hopped over the middle fence. She thinks we should raise the fence height of the middle fencing. Toni also wants to talk about drainage in the dog park. She feels some improvements could be made after a big snow year. Toni also mentioned sanitary concerns of dog poop in the park. Toni mentioned that she is going to kickstart a movement for a mid-valley pool.

Motion to approve April payables

Jen was questioning who Rick was on our staff. Becky mentioned he was a part time worker. She asked if he was on the benefits package. Becky clarified that he is not currently on a benefit package.

Jen would like to request that anything brought to the board be published online.

Jen approves payables. Tim seconds. All in favor.

Motion to approve 4.3.2019 Minutes

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Jen approves the minutes. Tim seconds. All in favor.

SDA Procurement Policy

Becky commented that we currently use the official SDA Procurement Policy.

Robert has seen Procurement Policies in the past really effect a business. He has seen a lot of time taken for boards to accept bids. He feels sometimes Procurement Policies can really slow down progress. Yet he also feels that good policies can cover a business.

Jen echoes a lot of Roberts sentiments. She feels that the director should have to come to the board with any costs over \$15,000. She wants to safeguard a natural step of checks and balances.

She feels even costs that are approved in the budget, should still need approval by the board.

Tim feels that \$15,000 is too low and would hold the park back from progress.

Robert would like to start with the SDA regulations that are currently in place.

Tim sees a timing challenge with needing board approval each time we spend \$30,000 and then reaching out to companies with delays in response time. Tim agrees with Robert that we start using the SDA policy to guide us moving forward.

Robert researched “Transparency in Government Procurement: Pros & Cons” written by Gartner Research. In the article there was 12 advantages and 24 disadvantages.

The research showed the following:

Primary advantages to procurement policies

1. Improves objectivity in the decision-making process
2. Increases potential bidders
3. Increases likelihood of good responses
4. Provides degree of clarity
5. Less corruption, holds government employees accountable

Primary disadvantages to procurement policies

1. Diminishes flexibility in deciding between alternative approaches
2. Discourages bidders from offering the best prices
3. Bids may be tailored to evaluator preferences or biases
4. Opens the process to criticize from those who lack detailed info or any stake in a project.
5. May open contracts to trade secrets

Jen also mentioned combining with another municipality to decrease cost on purchases. She is looking for ways to help us get better deals and make sure the money is going to the right place.

Bonnie suggests we re-visit this topic in 4 months.

Robert and Tim agree with revisiting the topic.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.