

LaRiviere Park Board Minutes from January 20th, 2016

Call to order with the following members present: Shihata (Chair), Hoffland, Baker, Troester, Mara. Also present Denny Kirsbaum, Gail Beneker, and Parks & Recreation Director Ulrich

Motion by Hoffland , second by Mara to approve open meeting certification requirements. Motion carried.

Motion by Troester, second by Hoffland to approve minutes from November 18th, 2015 meeting

Motion by Hoffland, second by Troester to approval the Annual Financial report(see attached) provided by Dee Baker from the LaRiviere Riders. It was also noted that the Riders completely finished the 95 site electrical upgrades in the campground at a cost of \$20,000 at no cost to the city and thanked by the Director. Motion carried.

Director Ulrich provided a sample copy of the future Timber Harvest Bid. He requested committee members provide feedback on this for the next scheduled meeting. No action taken.

Discussion on the current process utilized to cut free firewood at LaRiviere Park. It was noted that 7 people had received permission in 2015 to cut wood at designated downed trees which are flagged by Denny Kirshbaum in advance. It was also discussed that someone had driven through park property to cut wood on land belonging to Gail Beneker which was not authorized. After discussion the consensus was that the current gate off Vineyard Coulee would be locked until a discussion with Crawford County Sheriff's Department can provide more insight on what happened. The Director also will reiterate to city staff that any LaRiviere park related free firewood cuts are for marked trees only that already have fallen down. No committee action taken.

Discussion on trails included: some trail closures, vandalism to a trail sign, 5-6 new prairie signs to be installed in the spring, and replacement of multiple faded interpretive signs. No Action taken.

Discussion on Park upgrades included: Thanking Denny Kirshbaum (see attached) for his volunteer hours and use of DOC crew for 2016.

Motion by Baker, second by Hoffland to adjourn. Motion carried.