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Minutes

Natrona County Parks Board
January 9, 2018 Work Session

The Natrona County Parks Board met at the Roads, Bridges and Parks Dept. office. Members in attendance were Brian Stack, Stuart Hill, Roy Buck, Jim Miller and Steph Connolly. Jay Reece, Ken Meich, Erik Aune, Rob Rosser, Bryan Price, Matt Buhler and Glenna Nash also attended.

Brian called the meeting to order.

Potential Parks Fee Increase Discussion

Matt stated that the BOCC has charged the Board to look at the fee structure. They would like fees more equitable, across the board. Brian said an increase every five years is justified but what is a fair number. Stuart suggested a year round trails pass. Roy said that winter/summer recreation users don't typically cross over and summer users should not have to pay winter use. The Board discussed having a year round Trails pass fee for \$75 or a summer pass at \$25, winter pass at \$50. More discussion will follow on that at a later date. Special Events = there are variables to look at, if it is a for profit event or if it's for charity. Steph suggested having a base fee and then charge fees based on need. The big groomer cost to operate is about \$300 per hour. There was discussion as to charging per hour or per mile rate for grooming for events. Jim said the BOCC was not interested in charging for school district events since they are also using tax dollars. Brian would like to have user groups identified, commercial, groups/individuals, or non-profit. Are they charging to be in or attend the event? Discussion will continue at a later date for event fees. A parking pass fee was also discussed but that was also put on hold until a later date. Shelter and alcohol permit fees were recommended to increase to \$75. Water permits on the mountain were recommended to increase to \$100. Very extensive repairs to the water system are going to be required. The Board felt that the current camping permit fees and boat dock rentals were fair and comparable to other areas.

The following are the suggested fee changes

- Shelters - \$75.
 - Alcohol Permit - \$75
 - Water Permit on mountain - \$100
 - Lodge – weekend rate \$450 per day, \$200 on weekdays. Schools and non-profit \$100.
 - Camping permits, full hook-ups and boat dock rental rates were unchanged.
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- Ski pass fees were recommended to change at a prior meeting. Individual pass \$50, Family pass \$100 for the 2 parents and then \$25 per child under 21.