

Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2016
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board Members Martha Miller, Carol Woodley, Cassie Burns, Robin Ogata; Michael Inman, Lawson Moorman, Park County Planning; Steve Caldwell, Park County Commission

Call to Order: 3:07 p.m.; East Room, City/County Complex

Review and Approval of Minutes August 3rd, 2016: *Burns made a motion to approve the minutes. Woodley seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comment: None.

Active Transportation City/County Subcommittee Discussion: Moorman gave an update that the Planning Department had been in contact with the Livingston Trails Committee and both entities would like several members from each group to form a working group that will be tasked with tracking on joint projects such as active transportation initiatives. There was some Board discussion as to what the time commitments and additional duties of the group would be. Burns and Miller volunteered to participate in the group.

Discussion/Recommendation of additional improvements to Silver Gate Park, as proposed by the Silver Gate Park Committee: Inman briefed the Board on the list of recommended improvements for Silver Gate Park as outlined in an email from the Silver Gate Park Committee. These improvements consisted of bench repairs, a pavilion, some ditch and parking work and various other improvements. There was some Board discussion as to whether or not recommendation of the improvements would prompt a financial commitment from the County. Inman notified the Board that the recommendation would simply allow them to utilize \$20,000 from their resort tax fund and would not require further financial obligation from the County. Caldwell suggested looking into the opportunity of applying for an RTP Grant to help stretch the funds. *Woodley made a motion to recommend the improvements suggested by the Silver Gate Park Committee to the Commission. Burns seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Project Updates: There was discussion between the Board, the Planning Department and Caldwell surrounding the addition of bathroom facilities at Green Acres Park. Inman explained that bathroom facilities at the park relied heavily on Livingston potentially annexing the Park and extending infrastructure to the area. Inman continued by stating that further delays on moving forward resulted from a lack of initiative support from the neighboring community. The Board expressed their concern that due to the level of use Green Acres Park sees, they feel it would be in the best interest of the community as a hole to move forward with bathroom facilities at some level sooner rather than later. A decision was made by the Board on Caldwell's recommendation

that the Board recommend the addition of vault toilets to Green Acres Park to spur the discussion. The recommendation will be put on next month's agenda.

Inman gave a quick summary of what Sakkit Park was and how it came about and where the County and the landowner are at on working on public access. Inman also gave an update on the Carter's Bridge extension project and the resulting road closures required for the bench clearing aspect of the project this Fall. Miller requested that the Board looks into getting a team during the next trail clean-up to fill in the divots on the Carter's Bridge trail. There was discussion of long term maintenance and vandalism prevention of the trail. Moorman updated the Board that the Planning Department was working on a Special Events application for County Parks. Inman gave an update that the Park County Environmental Council had taken the lead on the Yellowstone Pedestrian Bridge project.

Discussion of October Agenda: A decision was made by the Board on Caldwell's recommendation that the Board recommend the addition of vault toilets to Green Acres Park to spur the discussion. The recommendation will be put on next month's agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 4:01 p.m.