

Parks and Recreation Board

October 2, 2013
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Cara McNeely, Martha Miller, Robin Ogata, Carol Woodley; Mike Inman and Jeri Stevens, planning; citizen

Call to Order: @3:00 p.m., Chair Martha Miller called a meeting to order in the East Room of the City-County Complex.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the August 7, 2013, meeting. *Carol Woodley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Martha Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: A citizen said the city has a newly formed administrative Services Department of three people who will work in part on city parks and recreation issues and asked how much collaboration there has been between city and county parks and creation efforts in the past.

Discussion of Poor Farm Signage: Carol Woodley provided a history of the former county poor farm and previous efforts made by the genealogical society to locate people buried there. The county had been approached in the past to erect interpretive signage, but that was never done.

Robin Ogata moved to ask the Commission for permission to go forward to create a sign for the poor farm. Carol Woodley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Silver Gate Park Discussion and Recommendation for Improvements: Inman said the county currently maintains Arch Park in Gardiner and Green Acres Park in the Green Acres Subdivision. A one-acre, county-owned park in Silver Gate has been discovered, created in 1968. Existing playground equipment will need to be assessed for current safety requirements. There was discussion about possibly applying for Cooke City Resort Tax funds.

Robin Ogata moved to ask the Commission to formalize a maintenance agreement for next season and look into hiring someone to analyze the Cooke City Park for a maintenance agreement. Cara McNeely seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chico/Chicory Trail Update and Discussion: Inman said the Commission recently decided to finalize terms of an MOU between the county and a defunct subdivision owner regarding access to the Chico/Chicory Trail. Such will require the landowner to relocate a fence currently in the county right of way, take down no trespassing signage, and remove a gate that had been illegally erected on the county right of way.

MTAP Application for Bike Path Extension: Inman said a \$650,000-application to extend the bicycle trail that ends before the canyon at East River Road to Old

Yellowstone Trail North was submitted. Many applications were submitted for the state funds.

There was discussion about a possible bicycle path along the railroad bed in the Shields Valley.

Atlas Update-Historic Information Discussion: Inman said the atlas is near completion and will be a useful resource for the board for parks and recreation planning.

Next Meeting Date: No discussion

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: @4:17 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Martha Miller
Chair