

Parks and Recreation Board

August 7, 2013
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Cassie Burns, Martha Miller and Carol Woodley; Mike Inman, planning; Clint Tinsley, commissioner; Kristen Galbraith, Nittany Grantworks; John Mueller, minutes clerk

Call to Order: @6:00 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 July 10, 2013, meeting. *Carol Woodley moved to approve the minutes. Martha Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: None

Discussion of Poor Farm Signage: Carol Woodley said a monument was erected and a sign dedicated at the old county poor farm on May 20, 2006, after Archaeological Society research was completed. The poor farm was a working farm where people lived per court order for the “maintenance of the sick, poor and infirm of Park County.” Woodley said funds are being sought for a roadside sign. A field trip to the site may be taken by board members.

9th Street Island Drive Update: Inman said a fence that appeared to be on state and/or county land adjacent to the river on 9th Street Island was determined to be on private land. The game warden was involved and approached the property owner. The county will still research a gate across the county road on the island.

Silver Gate Park Update: Inman and the Commission viewed a county-owned park in Silver Gate and talked with locals about its origin and maintenance. The park was developed in 1968. Inman will work with the county maintenance foreman to come up with a maintenance plan. The county may work with the local fire department to house a lawnmower in a building adjacent to the park. The park’s playground equipment is old and will have to be assessed as to current safety standards. The Parks Board may research new equipment if it opts to do so.

Public Meeting/Montana Transportation Alternatives Program

a. **Discuss Conflict of Interest:** None reported

b. **MTAP Presentation:** Kristen Galbraith of Nittany Grantworks said the Montana Transportation Alternative Program (MTAP) will replace the Community Transportation Enhancement Program. The only Parks Board discussion of need for MTAP funds has been for a proposed bicycle extension trail through the canyon from East River Road to Old Yellowstone Trail North. Inman said keeping the proposed extension trail route

through the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) right of way will free the county from providing matching funds. Resurfacing of the existing trail into town may be part of a grant application. A new Paradise Valley Corridor Study may help facilitate MDT's ability and willingness to agree to install the proposed trail extension project.

c. Public Comment: None

d. Board Discussion: *Cassie Burns moved to have Galbraith draft a letter of support on behalf of the Parks Board to be signed by the board chair. Carol Woodley seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date: The board may not meet in September

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: @6:45 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Martha Miller
Chair