

Parks and Recreation Board

July 10, 2013

Park County, Montana

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

Call to Order: @3:09:41 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 June 5, 2013, meeting. *Robin Ogata moved to approve the minutes. Cassie Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: Mike Inman, planning, said complaints were received about a gate erected across 9th Street Island Drive, a public road and right of way, as well as a wooden jack-legged fence on the island that is either on the county right of way or state land. Inman said the Commission scheduled a meeting to discuss how or whether to address the issues. Inman said Montana FWP will request removal of the fence, and he will work with FWP to attempt to approve the site for a public river access. He said the board would need to put together a proposal for an interpretive sign at the site if it became a river access.

Discussion on Project Funding with Nittany Grantworks: Kristen Galbraith, Nittany Grantworks, said federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant funds (usually \$20,000 with one \$90,000 grant awarded each funding cycle) could be use for signage, trails and connectivity between trails. A Montana Department of Transportation MAP 21 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) has just been released, which could be used for a bicycle extension trail on Highway 89 South. Galbraith said holding a public meeting to discuss the project would bolster a MAP 21 application. Inman said an MDT corridor study may assist with the connector trail if it resulted in MDT doing work to guard against rock fall in the narrow stretch of 89 South before Old Yellowstone Trail.

There was discussion about planning board consideration to research establishing a public trail on the old railroad right of way to Gardiner.

Parks and Recreation Survey: Martha Miller got four surveys filled out in Wilsall.

Chico-Chicory Trail Update: Inman said Jerry Brekke (county historian) provided the Commission with a report about discrepancies between data filed for an abandoned road that would access one end of the Chico-Chicory Trail. The Commission asked the civil deputy county attorney to review all information and make a determination on the road's status.

Other: Inman said a 1968 plat of Silver Gate shows Park County owns a parcel of land (a park) in Silver Gate. An individual approached Inman about relocating a canon on the property, which brought the county's ownership to light.

Next Meeting Date: Inman will attempt to schedule the August meeting to serve as the public meeting required for proposed MAP 21 grant funding for the bicycle connector project.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: @4:10:22 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Martha Miller
Chair