

## **Parks and Recreation Board**

March 22, 2012  
Park County, Montana

**Attendance:** Board members Cassie Burns, Martha Miller, Robin Ogata and Carol Woodley. Mike Inman, planning; Jim Durgan and Randy Taylor, commissioners; John Mueller, minutes clerk.

**I. Call to Order:** @3:03:45 p.m., Senior Planner Mike Inman called a meeting to order in the East Room of the City/County Complex.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes from the June 1, 2011, meeting. *Martha Miller moved to approve the minutes. Carol Woodley seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**III. Public Comment:** None

**IV. Welcome New Members:** Inman welcomed new members to the board and provided members with packets of board information.

**V. Election of Officers:** *Carol Woodley nominated Martha Miller for chair. Cassie Burns seconded the motion. Miller was elected board chair.*

*Carol Woodley nominated Robin Ogata as vice-chair. Ogata was elected board vice-chair.*

**VI. Discussion of Roles of Parks and Recreation Board:** Commissioner Taylor said he would like the board to produce a list of projects it is interested in working on or thinks needs to be brought to the forefront to ensure they fit within the goals of county regarding parks and recreation and historical components. Taylor said the Commission needs a historical comment from the board whenever a road is petitioned for abandonment, and it would like advice regarding current issues of existing Green Acres and Arch Park county parks. Taylor said the board should consider maintenance of county cemeteries and cemetery group projects, as well as any relevant grant ideas. He said the Commission does not tell the board what to do, but the board proposes recommendations to the Commission for its consideration.

Commissioner Durgan said county boards serve as the ears of community and do a lot of the leg work for the Commission, and using the parks plan as a basis may facilitate exploring or moving forward with proposed projects. He said the Commission will give the board all the support it can through its resources.

Inman said the board's bylaws provide a guideline of how the board can function.

**VII. Overview of Ongoing/Future Projects:** Carol Woodley said she would like the board to finish a project before starting another one, as she has seen too many projects disintegrate.

Inman reviewed existing parks and recreation project ideas to include, in part: Castle Mountain Road; bicycle path extension to Old Yellowstone Trail right-of-way; potential trail system through Yankee Jim Canyon; Yellowstone Black Canyon Trail; and Arch Park upgrade proposals from Yellowstone National Park.

**VIII. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Survey:** Inman asked board members to review a survey started by the former board and provide feedback. He said he will finalize the existing draft with Gary Weiner of the National Park Service by the May meeting, and he will talk again with MSU about assisting with the survey. Inman said his goal is to have the survey information by the fall to assist the board in developing its focus.

**IX. Discussion of Bylaws and Board Membership:** Inman asked the board to review its bylaws and consider whether changes are needed when considering historic preservation and what the board will be tasked with. Inman said the board may consider moving from a five to a seven member board and possibly having a high school student participate on the board.

**X. Discuss Meeting Date/Time:** The board decided to continue to meet at 3:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

**XI. Discuss May Agenda:** Inman said the next meeting will take place in the Community Room in order to provide board members with a visual aid of proposed projects and project locations.

**XII. Public Comment:** None

**XIII. Adjournment:** @5:08:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Martha Miller  
Chair