

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

February 2, 2011
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Phil Dawson, Hillary Taylor and Kristen Wester. Mike Inman and Philip Fletcher, community development. John Mueller, minutes clerk.

I. Call to Order: @3:04:12 p.m., Chair Kristen Wester called a meeting to order in the West Room of the City/County Complex.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the January 5, 2011, meeting.

Phil Dawson made a motion to approve the minutes. Hillary Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed.

III. Public Comment on Items not Scheduled for a Public Hearing: None

IV. Board Member Comments: Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said he was incorrect in stating at the last meeting the Ofalea Minor Subdivision did not qualify for parkland or cash in lieu as a subsequent minor subdivision. Fletcher said the subdivision did qualify and provided \$3,700 in lieu of parkland per state law and according to lot size.

V. Old Business

a. Project Updates: Fletcher said all projects are on hold until reprioritized.

Senior Planner Mike Inman provided a review of a six-lot, 20-acre Parcel 45 North Glastonbury Subdivision started in 2005, which is requesting variance from parkland dedication for a bomb shelter parcel that cannot be built upon per Glastonbury Landowner Association covenants. Inman said an alternative is for the subdivision to provide cash in lieu of parkland, and the variance essentially asks the subdivision to be exempt from state law.

Dawson and Taylor said they would be in favor of denying the variance.

b. Parks and Recreation Survey: Taylor said a Political Science program at MSU is ready to proceed with drafting a countywide parks and recreation citizen survey, and the survey subcommittee needs to decide on a distribution method. Fletcher said staff assistance may be considered as well. Inman said the board needs to determine the overall goal of the survey and whether it wants to look at trails, parks, year-round use or seasonality.

Hillary Taylor made a motion the Parks Board support a county survey completed by Liz Shanahan and her MSU Political Science students not to exceed \$2,000 to be distributed to county residents including residents in Clyde Park, but excluding City of Livingston

residents. *Kristen Wester seconded that motion. Motion passed.* Wester and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Dawson voted in opposition to the motion.

Wester said she and Taylor will set up a meeting with Gary Weiner to discuss his support services as part of a technical assistance grant.

c. Board By-Laws: Dawson asked for the reading to be the first by-law reading. There was discussion about what subdivisions the board will review and Inman emailing the board notices of subdivisions qualifying for parkland dedication prior to meetings. There was discussion about notification requirements, voting rights of student board members, term appointments changing from two to three years and use of telephones for meetings call ins.

d. Review of Livingston Trails and Greenways 2005 Survey:

Phil Dawson made a motion to have legal sections of the Trails Plan updated to current law. Hillary Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Phil Dawson made a motion to amend the Livingston Park County Trails Plan to reflect laws passed in the current legislative session and the update should be completed by June 1, 2011. Hillary Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

a. Discuss Guidelines for Reviewing and Analyzing New Projects

Dawson distributed a checklist by which proposed projects can be prioritized. Wester asked board members to review the document and bring recommendations to the next meeting. Taylor said the board could use the checklist with the bike trail extension project between Carter's Bridge and Old Yellowstone Trail to see how it works.

VII. Discussion of March Agenda: Fletcher asked board members to email him with agenda ideas.

VIII. Public Comment: None

X. Adjournment: @4:40:53 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Kristen Wester
Chair