

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

May 4, 2011
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Larry Blakely, Phil Dawson; Martha Miller, Hillary Taylor and Kristen Wester. Mike Inman, Community Development.

I. Call to Order: @3:07 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 April 6, 2011, meeting. *Larry Blakely made a motion to approve the minutes. Phil Dawson seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

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

IV. Board Member Comments: None

V. Old Business

a. Committee Updates: Senior Planner Mike Inman said the Rocky Mountain Campground in Gardiner must go through subdivision review for a lease agreement with the county, and the preliminary stages of that process have begun with application submittal.

Inman said House Bill 494 still has not been signed by the governor. He said that bill would effectively exempt multi-unit developments from subdivision review. Inman said he will add appropriate legislative changes to the board's by-laws once received.

b. Update on County Survey Project: Inman said he spoke with Liz Shanahan of MSU to discuss a timeline and deadlines to be met by Park County in order for her class to complete a citizen recreation survey. Inman said Park County did not meet those deadlines, so the survey will not be completed by the class for the county. He said he is speaking with Shanahan to possibly have graduate students work on the project or disseminate the survey to citizens this summer and fall. Inman said Shanahan will be paid for her out of class time on the effort to-date and reimbursed for the Survey Monkey license with part of the \$2,000 approved for the effort. He said Gary Weiner of the National Park Service will assist the project going forward through a grant he is involved with. Inman said he encourages board members to review survey questions.

c. By-laws Revision: Inman said he received no by-law revisions from board members. He said Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said his department will recommend to the Commission it approve the board's by-laws as presented with proposed revisions in light of the time it has taken the board to address the revision process. Inman said the purpose of the meeting was to go through the board's comments to the by-laws.

Phil Dawson made a motion the board decline all of Philip Fletcher's revisions to the by-laws. Hillary Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed. Larry Blakely and Martha Miller voted in opposition to the motion.

Kristen Wester said the final review of board by-laws will be held at the next meeting. She asked Inman to draft a synopsis of Fletcher's proposed by-law revisions for review. Kristen Wester made a motion board members send all by-law revisions comments to Inman within the next two weeks so he can send out a list of review items the board will go over at the next meeting in a maximum of 30 minutes. Martha Miller seconded that motion. Motion passed. Hillary Taylor and Phil Dawson abstained from voting.

d. Additional Bozeman Trail Project Information: Kristen Wester made a motion the board table the Bozeman Trail project until it receives additional information from Patricia Grabow. Hillary Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

a. Decision on Private Landowner Request to Lease Vacant County Parkland: See Section V. a.

VII. Discussion of June Agenda: No discussion

VIII. Public Comment: *Hillary Taylor made a motion the board prioritize the Carter's Bridge to OYT North extension trail as a potential CTEP project. Kristen Wester seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

Hillary Taylor made a motion the board recommend the county commissioners provide a public notice to gather input regarding the extension from Carter's Bridge to Old Yellowstone Trail North bike path as a priority for CTEP funding. Phil Dawson seconded that motion. After discussion of necessary preparations for holding a public, proposed CTEP-funded project meeting, the motion was not voted upon.

Taylor and Dawson said they will join MDT in researching various physical locations of the bike path extension project.

IX. Adjournment: @4:35 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Kristen Wester
Chair