

Planning & Development Board

August 20th, 2015

Park County, Montana

Attendance: Planning Board Members Peter Fox, Mike Dailey, Frank Schroeder, Rich Baerg, Bill Berg and Dave Haug. Also present Mike Inman, Planning

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m., Peter Fox called the meeting to order.

Public Comment on Agenda Items not Scheduled for a Public Hearing: None

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes of the July 16th, 2015 meeting *Bill Berg moved to approve the minutes, Mike Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Conflict of Interest: None

Discussion/Decision on upcoming planning initiatives: Mike gave a recap of last month's meeting which included a discussion on transportation issues in the five acre tracts and the Paradise Valley Corridor study regarding signage. He said there were several possible planning initiatives and processes coming up in the future.

Mike said the Board would be participating in public outreach efforts to garner public comments regarding updating the Growth Policy starting in January with the ultimate goal of giving a updated Growth Policy recommendation to the Commission. If the County receives the CDBG grant they will be hiring a professional firm to help facilitate the process.

Regarding the five acre tracts planning initiative Mike recommends that emergency responders, Public Works and DES put together a cohesive plan before the Board gets involved with public outreach and education.

Mike said once the Planning & Development Board has made their recommendation on the Growth Policy to the Commissioners work can begin on updating the subdivision regulations. We will be taking the States model regulations and tailoring them to Park County and Mike hopes the regulations can be ready by the start of next summer.

Economic Development Update: Peter Fox said he had nothing to report.

County Project Update-Including Grants: Mike gave an update on Gardiner Gateway Project and Bill Berg spoke about possible activities for next year's celebration of Yellowstone National Park's centennial.

Mike said there has been no major movement on the landfill project.

Northwest Energy is scheduled to hookup the electrical components for County Green Box site then the County will hire someone to do the electrical for the County side, this will a big benefit to Gardiner.

The County is waiting for the Gardiner Water & Sewer District to sign the memorandum of agreement for Confluence Park.

The County should hear if it will be awarded the TIGER grant by the end of September or early part of October.

The bicycle path extension project is slated to start next spring and the County is waiting on MDOT to come up with a definitive schedule in the next month or so.

Discussion of Letter on Proposed Mining on Emigrant Peak: Peter Fox prepared a comment letter regarding Lucky Minerals Inc. plan for mineral exploration drilling in the Emigrant Peak area for the Board to review and approve. Mike said it has come to the attention of the Commissioners by way of legal counsel that certain County boards, *not the Planning Board*, have decided they are administrative boards that could make decisions on their own without the consent of the Commission. So the Commissioners are currently attempting to reign in these boards and make sure they understand that they only have the authority by statute to give recommendations to the Commission. So to follow proper procedure Peter's letter should be submitted to the Commissioners for their determination on its submittal. Because the deadline for comments is tonight at midnight there isn't time for the Commission to review and approve it. Peter asked the Board to review his comments and if they agreed with them they could submit them as private citizens. Shannan Piccolo told Mike that if any advisory board was going to act on behalf of the County they had to do so with the consent of the Commissioners.

Discussion of September: Updates on the Travertine Mine and Lucy Minerals Inc. proposal. Meeting is in Cooke City.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: 5: 01pm

Peter D. Fox
Chairman