

## **Parks and Recreation Board**

June 4th, 2015  
Park County, Montana

**Attendance:** Board members Martha Miller, Robin Ogata, Cara McNeely; Mike Inman, Planning; Steve Caldwell, Commissioner and seven Cooke City residents.

**Call to Order:** 11:00 AM; Cooke City Community Center

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes from the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. *Robin Ogata moved to accept the minutes. Martha Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Discussion of CTA Park Assessment & Future Improvements to Silvergate Park:** The County owns three parks, Arch Park in Gardiner, Silvergate Park in Silvergate and Green Acres Park in Livingston. Park County Commissioners hired CTA an engineering firm to do an assessment of Silvergate Park and Green Acres Park. Arch Park wasn't included due to its inclusion in the Gardiner Gateway project. The County owned parks have received very little improvements or upkeep over the years. Mike Inman said the equipment in Silvergate Park does not meet safety standards leaving the County liable and will probably be removed. The Commissioners want the Parks & Recreation Board to facilitate conversations with the communities regarding future improvements to the parks. Silvergate attendees said sufficient well-maintained porta johns was the most immediate need for Silvergate Park to take the burden off of local businesses. Members of the community expressed their appreciation for the Parks & Recreation Board and Commissioner Caldwell holding the meeting in Cooke City.

**County Trails GIS/BACI Update:** Henry the County GIS technician has been making a lot of progress on the trails GIS. The BACI committee will be attending a meeting on June 22 and by the end of the month the trails GIS should be completed. Mike said he has been meeting with the PCEC and they are actively working on garnering support from the City of Livingston and the County for public health and active communities.

**Confluence Park Update:** There is a meeting next week with the Water & Sewer District Board. The land value assessment came in at \$34, 00.00 and the Water & Sewer District is asking for \$16,200.00 so the County has more than it needs. There will be a site inspection with the Water & Sewer District Board and Commissioners, then Park County legal staff will draft an agreement for the transfer of the property.

**TAP Bike Path Extension Update:** MDOT is working on a project schedule which should be completed shortly and construction should start next spring.

**RTP Bicycle Path Enhancement:** The bids for the resurfacing project came in high and the County should know in the next couple of weeks if it will receive the second cycle of

RTP grants and how much can be applied towards the project. Mike said interpretive signage, way finding and resurfacing will be happening this summer and fall with the extension starting next spring.

**Tiger Grant:** Kristen with Nittany Grant Works is submitting a Tiger Grant of \$10.06 million dollars today for the pedestrian trail from Old Yellowstone Trail to Point of Rocks 27.6 miles. Kristen is asking the Parks & Recreation Board to recommend to the Commissioners the allocation of \$5,000.00 from the Park Fund and \$5,000.00 from the Historical Preservation funds towards this project. The Board discussed the issue and Cara McNeely *made the motion for the Board to recommend to the Commission the allocation of \$5,000.00 from the Park Fund, \$5,000.00 from the Historical Preservation Fund and a \$10, 00.00 match from the County towards the project as a commitment if the County receives the Tiger Grant. Robin Ogata seconded the motion, motion passed*

**Next Meeting Date:** July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 1:12 p.m.

Martha Miller  
Chair