

Parks and Recreation Board

March 6, 2013
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Cara McNeely, Martha Miller, Robin Ogata and Carol Woodley; Mike Inman, planning; John Mueller, minutes clerk

Call to Order: @3:02:20 p.m., Chair Martha Miller called a meeting to order in the West Room of the City/County Complex.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the February 6, 2013, meeting. *Carol Woodley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Robin Ogata seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: Mike Inman, planning, said the Arrowhead School Board approached the Commission about the county donating a 3+-acre piece of property in the Arrowhead School yard as part of a swap for the Chico Cemetery property, which the school district owns.

Parks and Recreation Survey Distribution: Inman said the survey would be loaded to the county website by the end of the day, as well as the county's Facebook site and Twitter account. He said the Gardiner, Cooke City and Livingston Chambers of Commerce and the Shields Valley newsletter agreed to distribute the survey. The chambers will have a link on websites and have paper copies in house. Agencies and entities involved with the effort agreed to assist with survey distribution, as well. Inman said survey results may reopen the door to potential project options that summer.

Inman said he would attend a road abandonment policy meeting with the Commission to stress the greenways and trails plan policy requiring the Commission to allow the Parks Board to review proposed road abandonment petitions for historical significance and recreational uses to avoid losing connectivity.

Chico/Chicory Trail Access Update: Inman said the Commission asked the County Attorney's Office to review facts and provide a stance on the trail's status, which would hopefully prompt a Commission decision on addressing the access issue.

Discussion of April Agenda: Discussion about field trips to potential project sites in the warm season. Discussion of porta-potties at Green Acres Park.

Inman said a county parks maintenance plan needed to be formalized. Inman said he would present at a floodplain conference in Bozeman on the recent opportunity the 9th Street Island property presented regarding flood mitigation and the need for more planning in light of how purchase of the property panned out. Inman said the historic inventory element of the county atlas project was almost completed. Digitized data will enable zoom-in capabilities on digital maps.

Public Comment: None

Ogata provided a list of resources and groups that may assist with survey distribution and networking.

Adjournment: @3:48:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Martha Miller
Chair