

Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2017

Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board Members: Martha Miller, Cara McNeely, Robin Ogata, Carol Woodley; Michael Inman, Lawson Moorman, Park County Planning; Steve Caldwell, Park County Commission; Livingston Parks and Trails Board, Mike Gomez

Call to Order: 3:04 p.m.; East Room, City/County Complex

Review and Approval of Minutes December 7, 2016: *McNeely made a motion to approve the minutes. Ogata seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comment: None.

Election of Officers: Moorman informed the Board that since this was their first meeting of the year, they were required to choose a Chair and Vice Chair. The Board discussed the excellent job Martha Miller and Robin Ogata had done last year as Chair and Vice Chair.

Miller offered a motion to resume her position as Board Chair. McNeely seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Ogata offered a motion to resume her position as Vice Board Chair. Woodley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Board Schedule: The Board discussed the benefits of keeping the schedule as the first Wednesday of the month at 3pm. Although several Board members knew they would miss a scheduled meeting or two during the Calendar year, the consensus was to maintain the current schedule.

Discussion/Decision Signing Letter of Support for Building Active Communities initiative Institute: Moorman explained that when this item went on the agenda the Planning Department was not aware of the deadline for the support letter and that deadline had already passed so no action was necessary. Moorman told the Board that the County had already heard back however, and they were accepted to participate in the BACII training in Butte this year and would pursue hosting the event next year.

Green Acres Vault Toilet Recommendation Update: Inman updated the Board that the Commission had tabled the Board's recommendation of vault toilets for Green Acres Park. Inman went on to state the reasoning behind tabling the recommendation was that the Brookstone Subdivision potentially going in in that area would put the City in a position to annex Green Acres Park and extend water and sewer services to the area. If the Park had water and

sewer availability in the near future, it doesn't appear to make sense to spend money putting in vault toilets.

Special Events Application for County Parks and Public Space Recommendation Update:

Inman informed the Board that the Commission tabled the Board's recommendation of implementing the Special Events Application due to the fact there is no administrative structure currently in place to take on responsibility of the application. Inman continued that there was no Parks Department and given the increasing interest in utilizing Silver Gate Park and Arch Park coupled with the amount of time the Centennial Celebration took to plan, there was an immediate need to address administration of those facilities. Inman notified the Board that the Commission had put together a committee to evaluate the current fairground positions and look into what it would take to have that department take on park administration.

Project Updates: Inman notified the Board that the Carter's Bridge trail extension would begin resurfacing in the near future.

Discussion of April Agenda: Inman asked the Board to begin thinking about what they want their role to be. Inman went on to clarify that the Board needs to decide if they want to have a more active role in project management and spearheading parks and recreational projects in Park County.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 3:54 p.m.