

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

October 11, 2007

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Community Forum

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In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Bruce Solberg, Don Loranger, Chuck Gough, Jerry Murphy, Gordon Graham, Sue Hanson, Shelley Gonzales, Clarice Ryan, John Bourquin, Gary Ridderhoff, George Darrow, Elna Darrow, Julie Spencer, Sally Janover, Joe Brenneman, Don Loranger, John Lang.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elna Darrow at 12:05 PM

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as emailed. (m/sc Hanson/Bourquin)

Minutes: The minutes were adopted as emailed. (m/sc Wagner, C./Gough)

Storm Water: Joe Brenneman: Joe is keeping us informed about the storm water project. What started as a simple question by Sally Janover has escalated into a necessary and major project for Bigfork. Joe has gotten Debbie Pierson, grant writer, to work with us and she has acquired the necessary funding to hire an engineering firm to do a study on what we need to keep from polluting Flathead Lake and flooding basements and yards. The commissioners have interviewed several firms and decided on one and they are finalizing the contract. Joe has been in touch with Larry Van Rinsum of the Soil Conservation Dept and would like him to come to the community forum next month. Larry feels The Bigfork Steering Committee needs a permanent sub committee on water of all phases as this will be an on going item to be concerned about. Joe is hoping there are enough funds in hand to have the engineers study from Bigfork Bay to Flathead River. They will report back to the commissioners, talk about an area to focus on and there will be at least 2 public meetings here in Bigfork to report back to this community on what needs to be done. This study should be done by Spring. Now the hard part..... We need your help in 2 ways. One.. we need to know if there are places in your yards, places where you know water is being discharged into Flathead Lake, places anywhere that it should not be. We are not pointing fingers but we need to inform the engineers. The more we tell the engineers, the less we will have to pay them. The map that Sue Hanson got and I faxed out needs to be marked for them. Two..... Joe thanked us for the letters of support Debbie received. She reported that the organizations that give out grant monies usually will be swayed if they know the whole community is supporting a cause. Thank you Community!!

Bigfork Neighborhood Plan: BJ gave a report on the meeting he and Shelley had on the Bigfork Future Growth Map. It was very productive, establishing methodology of how and what to use in determining where future growth will be in all areas of Bigfork. Since we are not a municipality and we have no significant data from building permits, houses sold, and other big city departments our accuracy for this future growth map will be limited. There was more discussion on several policies BJ mentioned in his report. We may have to change some wording to comply with state and county regulations. Work on this will continue next week.

Elections: October 18, 2007 Proposed Slate of Officers

Chairperson Craig Wagner

Vice Chairperson Elna Darrow
Secretary Pat Wagner
Treasurer Chuck Gough

Prior to voting nominations will opened and taken from the floor at the Oct 18, 2007 meeting.

The list of eligible voters is still the same with the exception of one person. John Lang has attended two meetings and if he comes next week he can vote.

Also if you are eligible to vote and out of town you can either call me or email me and I will turn your vote in to be counted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09

Pat Wagner, Secretary