

# **Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board of Directors**

**Meeting Date: June 4, 2012**

**Members of the Board in attendance:**

Clyde Fisher, Elise Robocker, Ray Sanders

**Members of the Board not in attendance:**

Jim Buechle, Pete Woll

**Also in attendance:**

Jed Fisher, Superintendent; Gordon Jewett, Assistant Superintendent; and Michele Haarr, Clerk

**Others Present:**

Ed Engel - Citizen

Camillia Lanham – Bigfork Eagle

Tamara Tanberg – Lakeside Advisory Committee

**Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation, was held in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana, on June 4, 2012. The meeting convened at 8:33AM, Chairman Sanders presiding.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting of the Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation Board of Directors were distributed to the members of the Board.

**Clyde Fisher made a motion to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes.**

**Elise Robocker seconded the motion.**

**There being no further discussion and all in favor, ~ the motion was carried.**

**Public Comment**

Ed Engel stated that he would like to see Church Slough used for small fishing boats because larger boats disturb the fishing. Superintendent Jed Fisher said that the Parks Department has long supported a no-wake zone at the Slough, which would satisfy Mr. Engel's concern.

**Church Slough Update**

Superintendent Jed Fisher reported that an order was received from Judge Katherine R Curtis of the District Court issued an "Order and Rationale on Motions for Summary Judgment and Motion to Strike" which required closure of the boat ramp. A sign was posted and a Jersey Barrier was placed at the ramp. It was restated that the Board is highly supportive of a no-wake zone at the Slough.

## **Bigfork Advisory Report**

Superintendent Jed Fisher reported that the kayak rack for the Bigfork Dock is being produced. There is no completion date at this time. Skip Gilmore has attempted to reach John Postlewait of the Bigfork Baseball group and plans to phone Brenda Jordt to discuss sports activities at Carlyle Johnson, Aero Lane and Potoczny Parks.

## **Foys/Herron Advisory Report**

There was no one present from the Foys/Herron Advisory Committee.

## **Foys to Blacktail Trails**

Michele Haarr reported on a recent meeting with Liz Seabaugh, Liz Mackman and Cliff Kipp of Foys to Blacktail Trails, and Commissioners Dale Lauman, Pamela Holmquist and Cal Scott at the Foys Overlook in Herron Park. The history of the acquisitions to Herron Park and future plans were reviewed with the Commissioners.

## **Lakeside Advisory Report**

Tamara Tanberg reported the following:

Ben Williams Tennis Courts –The Quick Start tennis program will begin in a week.

Volunteer Park – Elaine Wilson is keeping a list of volunteers for trash pick-up at Volunteer Park. There was a suggestion to place a historical and unique mechanical sign built and designed by Hugh Hockaday Sr. at the park. It was agreed that a different location would be more appropriate. Assistant Superintendent Gordon Jewett reported vandalism in the restrooms – the wall was chalked up and the soap dispensers were torn off the walls. Superintendent Jed Fisher reported that the Department has responded to a neighbor’s complaint about trash from the park blowing through the boundary fence and into her yard. The concern was resolved with netting placed at the bottom of the fence.

**Elise Robocker made a motion to prohibit mechanical signs at Volunteer Park.  
Clyde Fisher seconded the motion.  
There being no discussion and all in favor ~ the motion was carried.**

Lakeside Boulevard Swim Beach – Vegetative buffers were discussed for Lakeside Boulevard. Swim Beach as the Flathead Lakers are interested in erosion control. Any work is planned for February when there is a low water table.

Blacktail Trail Hiking/Walking Trail – “Walkable Lakeside” is the focus for trails and bike paths. Many events are planned for fundraising for the additional 30K that is needed to match the \$300K CTEP funds.

## **Middle Forks Advisory Committee**

There was no one present from Middle Forks Advisory Committee.

Old Dump Site – Assistant Superintendent Gordon Jewett reported that a sign with the park name was installed.

## **Other Business**

Superintendent Jed Fisher reported the following:

Weed Management Plan –The Department continues to work on the plan, which will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting. The County Attorney’s office still needs to respond to the draft.

Chemical Order – A total of 79K of 83K was let in 3 bid awards – one to a local vendor. This leaves residual funds if needed.

Spartan Race – There has been a lot of talk regarding this event. Adjacent landowners and local groups and individuals were contacted and invited to participate in a planning meeting. A \$15 user fee per adult was discussed, which would set a precedent for other large user groups.

Park Regulation Update – Assistant Superintendent Gordon Jewett reported that Park Rule Enforcement Ordinances changes/additions will take effect this month.

Aquatic Weeds – The Eagle Bend Yacht Harbor group is pursuing their own permit and funding and will address the Curlyleaf Pondweed in the Harbor. Beaver Lake – Fish, Wildlife and Parks is taking a lead role in addressing Eurasian Watermilfoil and has drafted an Environmental Assessment. Fisher expressed his endorsement of these efforts and is impressed with landowners and/or land managing agencies taking responsibility. The Weed District will continue to help with education and surveying as staff and funds are available. It has been decided not to move forward with Yellow Flag Iris at this point.

There was no other business.

## **Adjourn**

**Clyde Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18AM.**

**Elise Robocker seconded the motion**

**There being no discussion and all in favor ~ the motion was carried.**

The time and place of the next regular meeting is Monday, July 2, 2012 at 8:30 AM in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana.