

**Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation  
MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Meeting Date: February 1, 2021**

**Members of the Board in attendance:**

James Buechle, Clyde Fisher, Lori Moran, Jessica Treweek, Pete Woll

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

All Board members were in attendance.

**Also in attendance:**

Jed Fisher, Superintendent; Gordon Jewett, Assistant Superintendent; Haily Hoff, Clerk

**Others Present:**

Amanda Davey, Robert Tuman, Gabe Dillon

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation was held in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana, on February 1, 2021. The meeting convened at 8:31 AM, President Woll presiding.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the December 14, 2020, meeting of the Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation Board of Directors were distributed to the members of the Board.

**Jim Buechle moved to approve the December 14, 2020 Board minutes.**

**Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.**

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

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Herron Park Status**

Gordon Jewett was recently at Herron Park to shoot grade through the area proposed for equestrian crossings. The existing drain pipe is cleaned out each year but is insufficient and needs to be upgraded to a 18-24" culvert. The drainage route will need berms developed in order to prevent the area from flooding out. It was Mr. Jewett's opinion that four equestrian crossing seems excessive and that riders could be directed to one or two to serve the need. The Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Department will have the ultimate authority for approval of the project design.

**Jessica Treweek moved to keep the crossings minimal as per Gordie's recommendation.**

**Jim Buechle seconded the motion.**

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

○ **Elevation Markers**

Gabe Dillon stated that Foys to Blacktail Trails has already begun the process of elevation markers. Maps will be updated and markers are already posted at significant peaks and troughs. Design changes are in motion and the kiosk maps are marked.

○ **Removal of Structures/Horse Jumps**

Jed informed the Board that Linda Tutvedt met with the Herron Park Equestrians in January. Ali Allen-Shin will be overseeing the quality control of their jumps and will mark up a map of the rotten jumps that should be removed. New portable jumps will be built to replace some of the old jumps. Removal of old jumps will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> if the weather cooperates. Event derbies will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>. Dressage shows and jumping clinic dates are still undetermined.

**Parks & Recreation Department Report**

Amanda Davey has been in contact with an individual who would like to donate high quality sand for the outdoor volleyball courts at the Conrad Complex. The potential donation would be worth approximately \$10,000.00. The donor plans to rent the courts to run a youth development training and possible adult sand tournament. The softball tournament application for the Conrad Complex has been updated to a flat rate per day with field preparation included. If lights are needed, that will still be a separate charge for that based on the time of use.

**Jessica Treweek moved to accept the changes to the Conrad Complex Tournament rental application.**

**Lori Moran seconded the motion.**

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

The Recreation Program Coordinator position has been filled by Matt Weger and his first day of work is today. Amanda is exploring the possibility of starting some new programs and implementing a batting cage at the Conrad Complex.

Amanda Davey was approached by a private group interested in partnering with Flathead County Parks & Recreation in the potential development of an athletic facility with indoor court surfaces and turf. Discussion continued regarding the possibility of a public private partnership in this capacity. The future availability within the school gyms is uncertain. Perhaps a lease option, similar to the existing lease in place at the Conrad Complex, could be feasible.

**Weed Department Report**

○ **Weed Management Plan Update**

Noel Jinings has updated staffing and license numbers in the Weed Management Plan. Haily Hoff made updates to the budget section. The majority of the document remains unchanged.

**Jim Buechle moved to approve the updates made to the Flathead County Weed Management Plan for submission to the Montana State Department of Agriculture.**

**Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.**

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

Gordie is continuing with routine maintenance work on vehicles and equipment. Jed, Noel and Haily attended the Montana Weed Control Association annual conference virtually from the office this year.

**Other Business**

Jed Fisher mentioned that during his last bi-monthly meeting, the Commissioners did not seem receptive to the idea of a ballot vote for funding trail maintenance as discussed last month. A potential meeting with the Commissioners was discussed regarding trail maintenance and a County operated athletic facility.

**Matters of the Board**

○ **Election of Board Officers**

**Jessica Treweek moved to retain Pete Woll as President of the Weed & Parks Board**

**Jim Buechle seconded the motion.**

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

**Jim Buechle moved to elect Lori Moran as Vice President of the Weed & Parks Board.**

**Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.**

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

**Adjourn**

**Jessica Treweek moved to adjourn the meeting at 09:58 AM.**

**Lori Moran seconded the motion.**

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

Approved:



Pete Woll, Board President

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Date