

**Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation
MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Date: October 3, 2022**

Members of the Board in attendance:

Pete Woll, Lori Moran, Clyde Fisher, James Buechle, Bonnie Streeter

Members of the Board not in attendance:

Commissioner, Brad Abell

Also in attendance:

Chris Maestas, Director; Amanda Davey, Recreation Program Coordinator; Gordon Jewett, Assistant Director; Haily Hoff, Clerk

Others Present:

Gabe Dillon – Foy's to Blacktail Trails

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 October 3, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:31 AM, President Woll presiding.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the August 1, 2022, 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 August 1, 2022 Board minutes.

Clyde Fisher seconded the motion.

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

Public Comment

Gabe Dillon stated that the new Flathead County website looks nice but the links to the board minutes are not functioning properly. Mr. Dillon also stated that the weed control efforts along the Foy's to Blacktail Trail system was very successful and 22 of the 26 tables were stained. A scout troop will come by on Wednesday to finish the remaining tables near the stables. Gordon Jewett requested that any work performed within the park be communicated through the Parks office as well. Gabe Dillon reported that National Public Lands Day was last week and they had 17 volunteers show up to improve the drainage on the Notch and Family trails. Gabe also mentioned that the cooperation they have with the Herron Park Equestrian group is excellent.

Parks & Recreation Department Report

Herron Park hosted the NICA bike event last month and is one of the largest events of the year. Park rentals are ending for the season and winterization work is beginning. The pump at Camelot Estates Park needs repair. The seasonal worker that has been handling the majority of Lakeside/Somers trash and bathrooms will be finished on October 10th. Maintenance crews are working on dead tree removal, fence repair and dock repair work. Vaulted toilets are scheduled to be pumped this month. Bonnie Streeter complimented Gabe Dillon and Foy's to Blacktail Trails group on the great work done at Herron

Park. Chris Maestas reported that the Underwater Soldiers group pulled 180 pounds of litter out of Flathead Lake near Volunteer Park and they removed 5K pounds off of Caroline Point in Lakeside. All swim area docks are scheduled to be removed.

There has been a lot of positive feedback on the field improvements at the Conrad Complex. There are 65 softball teams this season. Flooring improvements have been completed in the concession building. Registrations are active for youth flag football, adult flag football, mens basketball and fall corec softball. Youth flag football participation is slightly lower than last year but all adult leagues are at full capacity. There is a continuing shortage of referees. Adult league conduct policies and park rental facility permits will be reviewed and revised over the winter.

Weed Department Report

Fall herbicide applications have begun. The GNA contract work for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation was completed last week. The second round of roadside mowing is underway now. Routine maintenance was performed on equipment during the hot weather spell when mowing was not safe. Significant parts had to be replaced and all three roadside tractor mowers are running now. Brief discussion was held regarding timing and logistics of contract herbicide applications. The chemical bid will be submitted early again this fiscal year. Pete Woll asked about CIP truck replacements. Inventory delays continue and could potentially increase in the coming months.

Other Business

There was no other business

Matters of the Board

Chris Maestas stated that the November meeting may need to be rescheduled or cancelled due to staffing conflicts for elections.

Adjourn

Jim Buechle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 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