

Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: February 3, 2020

Members of the Board in attendance:

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

Members of the Board not in attendance:

Also in attendance:

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

Others Present:

Gabe Dillon – Foy’s to Blacktail Trails

Linda Tutvedt

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 3, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM, President Woll presiding.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the January 6, 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 January 6, 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.

Advisory Groups

Superintendent Fisher gave a brief overview on the history of various advisory groups that had been formed over the years. People from specific communities and/or interests were organized to research and inform the Weed/Parks Board on their perspective of projects and improvements. The Commissioners have disapproved of these types of groups in the past when they would meet on their own to discuss County business. Not all public meeting rules were adhered to and all of the advisory groups that were in place for this Board have been disbanded. There was recent inquiry about establishing an advisory group from Bigfork. Mr. Fisher asked the Board members for their input. Jim Buechle stated that any person or group is always free to present ideas or opinions to the Board and sees no real need to establish any additional organized committees for advisory purposes.

Jessica Treweek moved that all advisory groups remain disbanded, forming no new groups in Bigfork, or otherwise.

Jim Buechle seconded the motion and added that the public is always welcome to approach the Weed & Parks Board.

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

Parks & Recreation Department Report

Winter basketball programs are in progress and registrations are opening for girls volleyball and youth t-ball. There has been no grooming of cross-country ski trails and very little snow removal due to the lack of winter weather. The Flathead County Planning and Zoning Board will be reviewing the trail plan at their meeting on February 12. Requests have been received for boat launch repair work at Leisure Island. Commissioner Brodehl is hopeful for the addition of fill material and implementation of a new design to circumvent future erosion. Gordon stated that limitations exist due to the fact that this a flowing site and the water level is considerably lower than usual. President Woll added that permitting will be necessary even if the work is only deemed a maintenance project. Signage has been posted at Leisure Island to restrict motorized watercraft until the water level raises. The Riverbend Concert Association has submitted their dates and permit for the use of Sliter Park for their summer concert series this season. An updated Memorandum of Understanding for the Riverbend Concert Association has been sent to the County Attorney’s office for review. Finalization of permitting is currently in progress for Volunteer Park expansion work. Waterside Condominiums have expressed their desire for a specific type of boundary fence separating their community from the park. Irrigation design will be discussed this week. Seasonal staff is beginning to return.

Weed Department Report – Chemical bid

This year’s herbicide will cost approximately \$40,000. Products and quantities needed are as follows:

- 80 gallons Transline or generic equivalent
- 250 gallons Curtail or generic equivalent
- 250 gallons 2,4-D or generic equivalent
- 40 gallons Milestone or generic equivalent
- 24 quarts Lontrel
- 40 pints Fast Break (anti-foam) or generic equivalent
- 100 gallons Liberate (anti-drift/penetrant) or generic equivalent

Jim Buechle asked why the bid amount has decreased so much in the last couple of years. Mr. Fisher explained that it has a lot to do with proper application rates and timing. Post patent chemical changes also play a part in the cost reduction of some herbicides. We have also been able to use reserve inventory, reducing the needed quantity.

Jim Buechle moved submit the chemical bid to the Commissioner’s office for processing.

Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.

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

Other Business

Gabe Dillon is working on design changes to the Foys to Blacktail kiosk signage at Herron Park. This sign has not been updated since roughly 2014 and the trail systems have since doubled. The new sign material will be sectioned into removable panels. Mr. Dillon suggested that the middle panel be designated to the Flathead County Parks & Recreation logo. The thank you language that exists currently will be removed so that space could be otherwise utilized with new information. The project will not cost the county any money and Gabe would like to go ahead with the changes if the Board is agreeable. Jessica Treweek stated that she doesn’t want the Board to micro manage this type of work. Pete Woll agreed and added that if the Park’s staff is happy with it, he is supportive.

Matters of the Board

Rails to Trails and Foys to Blacktails Trails recently sought Board support of two separate RTP grant applications. Letters of support were requested for both projects.

Jessica Treweek made a motion to approve the letters of support associated with these grant requests.

Jim Buechle seconded the motion.

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

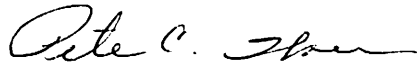
Adjourn

Jessica Treweek moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36AM.

Jim Buechle 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